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Getting rid of larger household items - pay as you throw

From 1st April the council is introducing a new system for disposing of larger household items charging £10 for up to five items.

The new charge covers the cost of collection, but not disposal of the waste, and is very competitive compared to other local authorities where it is often over £25 – Milton Keynes Council was previously one of only five local authorities in England not to charge for, or restrict, this service.

Residents requesting items to be collected on their usual refuse collection day can book up to 5 items for £10 or up to 10 items for £20. If they would like the items to be collected on a day other than their usual refuse collection day, this is bookable for an additional charge of £10 – please allow two clear working days between booking and collection.

The £10 fee for up to five items applies to household items which you would normally take with you when moving house. For fixtures and fittings which would not be removed when moving house, such as bathroom suites and carpets, the charge is a minimum of £40 (£20 for concessions) depending on the amount.

For loose items such as building debris or garden waste, we will need to take a look and provide a quotation, as the cost of removal depends on the size of the item(s), weight and volume – larger quantities may incur costs in multiples of £40.

Our waste contractor Serco can only take away the items listed at the time of booking the collection. Once a collection is booked, the items become the property of the council. If the items are left out for collection and then taken by an operative other than Serco, payment cannot be refunded.

Andy Hudson, the council's Head of Environment and Waste, said: "By introducing a charge for the collection of larger household items, we can make the service more efficient and fairer as only residents who use the service will make a contribution to the considerable costs involved in the collection and disposal of unwanted goods.

"We would urge residents who are able to take larger items to our Community Recycling Centres or consider other methods of disposal such as charities or in-store collection schemes when buying new or replacement items."

When buying new white goods, many stores offer a removal service for the old appliance for a fee – make sure you ask about this when making a purchase. Alternatively, good quality items of furniture are accepted by charities such as Age UK or Willen Hospice – see their websites for details.

Details of the new charges will be available on our website nearer to 1st April – www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling.

For just £10 you can have up to five items collected such as these.
For large quantities and fixtures and fittings (pictured below) the collection charge starts at £40.

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Prime Minister visits apprentices

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Appeal for 'late' £20k donations

BY ANNABEL HOWARD
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A CHARITY has appealed for volunteer fundraisers to hand in £20,000 in outstanding sponsorship money.

Keech Hospice Care, which operates in Milton Keynes, has warned that its services will be affected if the money isn't in by the end of the month.

Fundraisers have been waiting for participants to deliver the cash from sponsorship events since September. They have even sent out reminder letters to try and get the money.

A Midnight Walk in September and Santa Run in December 'raised' a combined £95,000, of which the charity has received £75,000k.

Although the events were held in Luton, many of the people who took part were from Milton Keynes.

Fundraising director for Keech, Jo Chettleburgh, said: "We can't afford to write to people again, we need the money for our services."

At least a quarter of the cash raised each year by the Luton-based charity is used to help seriously ill youngsters at their homes in Milton Keynes.

Jo Chettleburgh continued: "This is because when children are at their poorliest families want them to be at home.

"This money pays for the nurses to visit these children at home, often on a daily basis."

As well as staff, the money also goes towards pain relief and equipment.

"We need to make sure that every penny possible gets to the charity so it can continue its vital work.

"When we don't get the money it makes it difficult. We budget based on how much we are expecting to receive, so by not receiving the money it could eventually leave us in a very difficult financial situation.

"If you promised a friend or colleague some sponsorship please remember to pay up and help," she said.

Midnight Walk organiser, Clare Bestall-Philips, said: "We'd like to stress that every penny sent in will go towards patients and their families."

Donations of £21 can provide the family of a sick child with support services including social work, bereavement support and complementary therapy.

Sponsorship of £122 would secure a place at the charity's hospice in Luton and access to one day of full support for a child and their family.

The charity's appeal is for money to be sent by the end of March at the latest.

Keech has charity shops in Newport Pagnell and Bletchley.

For more information about Keech's work visit www.keech.org.uk.

Snozone is gearing up for Comic Relief with this giant red nose on the ski slopes. Send us pictures and details of your fundraisers!

Police track burglar using phone alarm

A BLEEPING iPhone led police to a burglar from Milton Keynes who was sitting in a car he had stolen that night.

Anthony Luciano-Persaud, 29, had broken into a house in Shortstown, near Bedford, and was chased off by the home owner in the early hours of the morning.

But when the victim, Christopher Barber, saw that his iPhone 4 had been stolen, he called the police and a tracking device inside the phone was set off.

Officers on patrol at 5.10am in Pickering Drive, Bedford, heard the phone beeping from a Vauxhall Tigra.

Luciano-Persaud got out and tried to hide the mobile under a pile of leaves. He crouched behind the car but was arrested after a struggle, Luton Crown Court heard yesterday.

Prosecutor Claudette Elliott said he carried out his first burglary that night in the early hours of the morning at Marigold Way, Bedford, stealing car keys, cigarettes and a tobacco tin, and drove off in the Vauxhall Tigra that was parked on the drive.

Luciano-Persaud of Abells Close, Walton, pleaded guilty to two charges of burglary on January 7 and to stealing the car on the same night. He had 23 previous convictions for 45 offences including two burglaries.

Silpa Mistry, defending, said he had been caught 'thanks to the wonders of technology'. She said Luciano-Persaud had no explanation as to why he had committed the offences.

Judge Laura Harris jailed him for 30 months, saying: "If you carry on like this you will find you spend longer and longer periods of your life in prison. I suggest you have a serious think about your life while you are serving your sentence."

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'I welled up when I heard it being cut'

BY ANNABEL HOWARD
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JESSIE J lookalike Melissa Frayne had her trademark tresses cut for charity on Monday night.

The big snip took place at Changes in Stony Stratford after the doppelganger raised £1,078 for heart charity, Brompton Fountain.

Melissa, aged 24, from Grange Farm, promised she would shave all of her hair if she was sponsored at least £1,000.

She said: "The final money came in just before. People can still donate for the next few months too. I want to raise as much as possible."

The now-bald beauty admitted she was emotional when she saw and heard the hair falling away, but soldiered on.

She said: "I could hear the hair going and I welled up and afterwards I started crying.

"It wasn't just that my hair was going, but that the past few weeks have been a very emotional experience for me because the charity is so personal to me."

Melissa received heart surgery as a youngster to repair a hole in her heart at the Royal Brompton Hospital in London.

Jessie J's cut planned for Comic Relief sparked the copycat's decision. You can make a donation at www.justgiving.com/MelissaFrayne.

Fears over phone backlash

A CHARITY has warned that the recent praise given to a Milton Keynes-bound train driver who shamed an "annoying" passenger for using her mobile phone could lead to a backlash.

Peter Foot, chairman of the charity group National Campaign for Courtesy, is concerned that rail users might use the recent publicity as an excuse to act as transport vigilantes.

The 75-year-old from Surbiton, in Surrey, said: "I am worried that commuters and drivers will take it upon themselves to do the same.

"I think there needs to be a guard who can deal with these sorts of issues, because it's hard to know if the person on the phone is in crisis making an emergency call to a family member or something, or just being belligerent."

His warning comes shortly after praising the train driver, calling it an 'excellent idea'.

He continued: "It's important that train lines do not develop a blanket policy."

The woman, who was sitting in the first-class carriage of a train travelling from London Euston to Milton Keynes, was shamed into ending her call after the driver's message over the tannoy.

The driver said: "This is a special message to the lady travelling in first class in the middle of the train: Please refrain from shouting on the phone as you are annoying other passengers."

Train company London Midland has said the announcement was not part of company policy.

Men on trial over lorry driver death

BY JAMES AVERILL
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TWO men are standing trial over the death of a lorry driver after it was claimed they were allowing him to do extra delivery runs illegally.

Stephen Kenyon, aged 35, from Milton Keynes, was killed in a crash on the M1 in Hertfordshire, when his lorry collided with stationary traffic. His vehicle was crushed during the impact.

Crash investigators discovered that on the day he was killed, the father-of-four had been working for more than 19 hours and had been driving for more than 13 of them, it was claimed.

Father and son Adrian John McMurray, 54, and Adrian Paul McMurray, 36, of Ivy Road, Northampton, are on trial after pleading not guilty to manslaughter and failing to discharge an employer's duty.

The pair operated AJ Haulage in Daventry, the company Mr Kenyon was working for.

The jury heard that by using two tachograph charts during a 24-hour period, Mr Kenyon could work longer hours than permitted and increase his earnings.

The court heard Mr Kenyon had debts of around £10,000 and found that he could earn more by doing extra delivery runs.

Strict road haulage legislation in the UK states that lorry drivers can only drive for a maximum of 10 hours in a 24-hour period, and then only two days a week.

At the start of the trial of the two men it was claimed by the prosecution that they "encouraged" the use of two tachographs over 24-hours. If pulled up it would appear that they were driving as permitted.

Charles Misking QC, prosecuting, said: "Tired drivers pose a risk. This is a case about a man who lost his life because the rules were broken."

The trial continues.

Children at Willen Primary School get into the spirit as they dress up as Where's Wally for the day

Willen kids celebrate Book Day

NORMALLY it's rather difficult to find Wally, but if you're still struggling in this picture then you may need to get your eyesight checked out!

Pupils at Willen Primary School celebrated World Book Day last Wednesday by dressing up as Wally himself or other characters in the books.

A spokesman for the school said: "The kids loved it. We celebrate World Book Day each year, but usually the kids all come in random costumes. But we thought it would be great to have the whole school dressed the same. It was quite nice for the staff to dress up as well, and they did a mass order for Wally outfits online."

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Three jailed for drugs

THREE men have been jailed as part of the crackdown on drugs in the city. Gavin Walker, 24, Charles Stephen, 35, and Spencer Layne, 25, were jailed for a combined six years. Supt Barry Halliday said: "I hope today demonstrates our commitment to targeting people involved in the supply of class A drugs in Milton Keynes." See our website www.mk-news.co.uk for more on this story.

'Tax' protest on Friday

PROTESTORS will meet outside the Civic Offices on Friday to demonstrate against the 'bedroom tax'. The peaceful protest, taking place at 1pm, is being attended by concerned residents from a number of local groups.

Body found after house fire

A BODY has been recovered after a house fire in Wolverton yesterday.

Firefighters were called to an address in Furze Way at about 10.30am, where they discovered a bungalow on fire.

The blaze is believed to have started in the bedroom.

Group manager Greg Smith, from Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire & Rescue Service, said: "This was a tragic incident. We would like to offer our condolences to the family, friends and the local community.

"Firefighters will return to the area to give fire safety advice and reassurance to local residents."

Royal help needed for Hodge Lea

PLANS to reopen Hodge Lea meeting place have improved, after a city MP wrote to the Crown Estate.

Mark Lancaster was contacted by Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council and community groups who were concerned that they would have to spend over £10,000 in legal fees to release it.

But thanks to the letter, they have now been offered the chance to buy it for £1 and a contribution to solicitors' fees providing its use will be for the community.

Cllr Rob Middleton had initially written to the Queen to ask for the disused meeting place back.

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Why we must oppose the 'bedroom tax'

SIR – One of the most acute concerns about the government's proposed 'bedroom tax', which comes into effect from April, is that it will force anyone 'under occupying' social housing to either downsize or face a cut in their housing benefit .

This tax is going to affect a large number of people living in socially deprived areas in Bletchley, Woughton and Wolverton.

The problem is that there is a shortage of smaller properties available to move in to. In addition there will be no bedroom available for the family members of old people who live outside the area to come and stay with them .

From April 1, anyone living in social housing who has one unoccupied bedroom will have their housing benefit cut by 14 per cent, rising to 25 per cent for householders with two spare rooms.

Hundreds of thousands of disabled people will lose an average of £700 every year under the new 'bedroom tax' as a result of the reduction in housing benefit in social housing where people have spare bedrooms.

The hardship fund set up by the government will not make up for the amount taken away from them.

The introduction of 'bedroom tax' is going to split families and pensioners are going to be left stranded when their families are forced to move away. Children are going to be split.

I strongly urge the residents to oppose the 'bedroom tax' since a large number of people living in poorer parts of Milton Keynes will be affected by the new tax.

Arun Vaidyanathan
Sent by e-mail

Please do not harm our cats and dogs

SIR – I am a black and white cat named Ozzy living in Grange Farm.

My owners one day moved and left me behind, I slept rough and managed on scraps, my coat got really shabby looking and I lost weight I was really sad and unhappy.

Then one day I was captured, taken to a vet to make sure I was okay and put back into Grange Farm where some new owners said I could live.

It took me months to trust them but I finally did. On March 1 someone shot me with an air rifle. It hurt a lot and I was taken to the vet. It turns out I am the third cat to be shot in Grange Farm in a short space of time.

If people don't like me that's fine. Just shout loudly, or clap your hands and I will run away and try not to bother you.

But please do not shoot cats, dogs or any living creature. It hurts. If you have any information please let the police or the RSPCA know. We are all anxious it doesn't happen again.

Alyson French
Sent by e-mail

Can anyone help us to help the homeless

SIR – I write on behalf of the MK YMCA and was curious if anyone in local or national business can help.

We want to renovate 123 flats which were built in the early 80s but are unfortunately in a very poor state of repair due to the lack of funding.

I am trying to find all available avenues in order to get all the flats back to good as new, and can safely say that all the flats are great value for money.

We are looking for volunteers to help with ideas, and any other opportunities that may come up depending on what we need and what we can get.

It is a personal goal. As a previous hostel and winter night shelter guest I am fully aware of what residents of all parts of the organization not just want – but need.

Do you have any ideas how you can help us help the homeless? Please contact Claire or Simon on 01908 295600.

Any help is greatly appreciated and we will be happy to put out the word that you helped!

Mark Richardson
Sent by e-mail

Potholes are a serious danger for cyclists

SIR – Thanks for exposing the local pothole situation ('Pledge to tackle pothole problems', MK NEWS, March 6).

However, whereas for motorists the result is usually restricted to damage to the vehicle, for cyclists the result can be death as happened elsewhere last week to an experienced cyclist on a club run.

Even when damage results, highway authorities helped by their insurers, evade any responsibilty for damage caused.

A once-yearly inspection is generally argued as evidence that the authority has not acted negligently.

Our roads are dangerous enough without all users having to cope with potholes.

Philip Ashbourn
Milton Keynes CTC

New 'tax' will cost Cameron the election

SIR – The 'bedroom tax' is the son of poll tax with a vengeance and will cost David Cameron the next election.

They expect people to pay money they haven't got. A lot of people will be made homeless or cleared out by the bailiffs because they are poor.

Barry Lefranc
Bolbeck Park

Mark's Monthly Focus

Mark Lancaster MP goes behind the bar

'Our publicans work long, gruelling hours'

THERE is nothing better than a quick pint in your local after a hard day's work – and a good, friendly publican is an added bonus.

I must confess that I have been known to prop up the odd bar in my time, but never experienced the stresses and strains of standing on the other side. So for the latest in my work experience roles I decided to embark on a tour of some of the pubs around Milton Keynes, where I hoped to learn the ropes as MK's touring friendly bar man.

My first experience as a publican was in The Dove in Newport Pagnell, where I was taught the art of pouring a pint and met plenty of locals both interested by their new publican – I confess many were concerned by the

ratio of beer to froth I was producing – but as one was quick to point out, what do you expect from a politician?

I must admit, I struggled as it got really busy, I was working on a Friday night and it is no easy feat to remember an order for five, pour the drinks, keep chatting to the clients and add it all up and sort out the payment at the end of the order. Frankly I needed a pint of my own, only to be told of the strict no drinking rule for my side of the bar!

I continued my tour by working at the Robin Hood in Clifton Reynes, The Swan in Olney and The Malting House in Stoke Goldington. While I am sure my pint pouring may have improved slightly, I am still amazed at how hard our publicans have to work. The hours are gruelling and whilst the clients are friendly, it really is exhausting.

With our pockets being pinched at the moment many are choosing to stay home and indulge in a drink. But I would urge you to venture to your local and back our pubs. And you never know, you might find your friendly publican there as I feel my time behind the bar isn't up yet.

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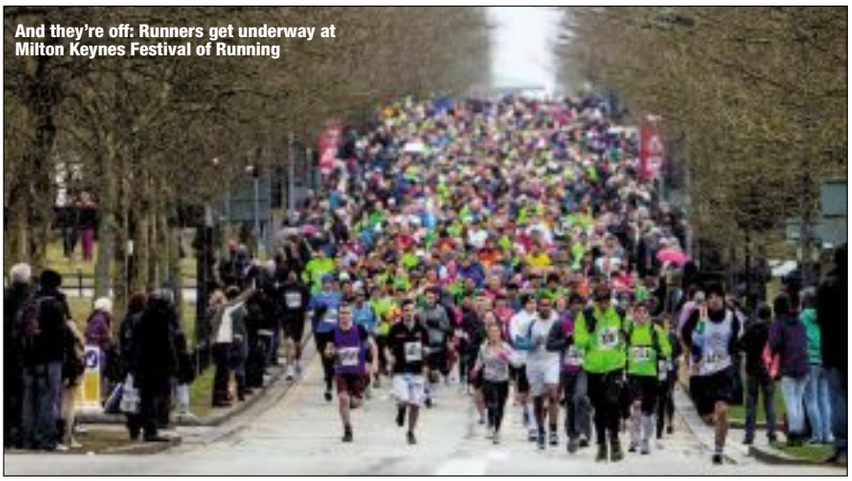

And they're off: Runners get underway at Milton Keynes Festival of Running

On your marks at running festival

Hand in hand: Competitors of all ages enjoyed the day at MK's Festival of Running

BY DAN PALMER
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HUNDREDS braved miserable conditions to take part in the Milton Keynes Festival of Running on Sunday morning.

The cold and wet was hardly ideal weather for the serious, and not so serious athletes taking part but the races, which started and finished at Xscape, were enjoyed by those who pounded the city streets.

Hundreds raced for charity supported by crowds who braved the damp to cheer them.

A total of 2,734 finishers completed the half marathon, which was won by Richard Williams of Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers in a time of one hour, 11 minutes and 44 seconds.

In second place, and only six seconds back, was Rick Weston of Serpentine and in third place was Marcin Fudalej, who led home the large contingent of Milton Keynes Athletic Club (MKAC) runners in a time of one hour, 12 minutes and ten seconds.

The first female runner home was 32nd place Jenny Jagger of Bristol and West, who came home in a fine time of one hour, 19 minutes and 47 seconds.

She was followed by 54th placed Rebecca Mayles and 63rd placed Laura Cowley.

Meanwhile, there were a record number of finishers in the festival's 10k race, with 620 runners making it home.

Phil Holland of Ampthill and Flitwick Flyers won the race in a time of 33 minutes, 14 seconds and he was followed home by MKAC's Michal Glowacki, who ran 33 minutes, 45 seconds, and third-placed Matt Davison, of Preston, who clocked 33m 58s.

The winning female was 20th-placed Helen Nuttall of Dick Pond Fast Track, who completed the course in 40m, 42s.

Victim left with smashed teeth

A 24-YEAR-OLD man has been left with broken teeth after being punched in the face on Saturday night.

The late-night incident took place on the redway near the underpass leading from Kincardine Drive to Furzton centre.

The man was walking past a group of up to 12 young men at about 11pm when a skirmish took place.

A member of the group attempted to trip him up prior to the attack.

The thug, who is thought to be in his late teens, then punched the victim in the face.

A hospital examination was needed for the victim as a result of the attack.

He was treated at Milton Keynes Hospital for injuries which included broken teeth.

Police are still on the hunt for his attacker. They have described the offender as being a 5ft 10ins Somalian youth with short curly black hair.

At the time of the attack he is thought to have been wearing a dark red t-shirt.

The rest of the group were all white. There are no further descriptions of individuals.

Witnesses can contact Police Constable Victoria Robinson on 101.

Alternatively, anyone with information can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

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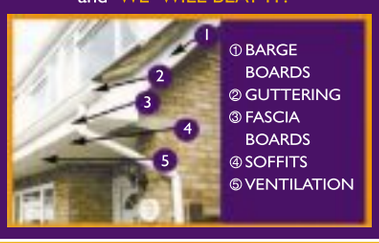

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Woodhill officer to be sentenced

Richard Trunkfield tries to hide his face as he emerges from the Old Bailey on Friday. Trunkfield, who worked at the city's Woodhill Prison, admitted selling information to The Sun about a prisoner

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A PRISON support officer who worked at Woodhill Prison in Milton Keynes is facing jail after admitting to passing confidential information about a high-profile inmate to a national newspaper.

Richard Trunkfield, of Ashley Lane, Moulton, Northamptonshire, admitted a single count of passing information to The Sun in 2010 for £3,350.

He had been charged with committing misconduct in a public office as part of Operation Elveden, the Metropolitan Police Service investigation into allegations involving the unlawful provision of information by public officials to journalists.

The 31-year-old was bailed on the condition he does not contact any present or former employees of News International.

He appeared alongside two policemen who sold stories to the national newspaper, and they also face jail.

Alan Tierney, 40, sold details of cases involving Chelsea footballer John Terry's mother and mother-in-law on suspicion of shoplifting.

He also got £1,750 for selling a story relating to Rolling Stone guitarist Ronnie Wood, who was questioned in December 2009 over claims he assaulted his young Russian lover Ekaterina Ivanova.

Trunkfield and Tierney pleaded guilty to misconduct in a public office at the Old Bailey, along with a second police officer, who cannot be identified for legal reasons.

All three spoke only to confirm their names and enter formal guilty pleas during separate hearings.

The judge, Mr Justice Fulford, will sentence all three on March 27.

Tierney, of Manor Road, Hayling Island, Hampshire, admitted two counts of misconduct in a public office and was bailed ahead of sentence on the condition he does not contact James Hewitt or Sun journalists John Sturgis or Nick Parker.

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Boy, 15, still missing

A 15-year-old boy has been missing from his home in Stony Stratford for more than a month. Ming Chen was last seen on Wolverton Road in the town on January 23. He is Chinese, of medium build, 6ft, and has short black hair and brown eyes. Sgt Simon Mountain, leading the search, said: "We would urge anyone who has seen Ming or knows of his whereabouts to contact us on 101 as a matter of urgency." See a picture of Ming Chen online at www.mk-news.co.uk

BB gun stolen in raid

A BB gun, a safe and cash were taken after a burglary in Bradville. Between 7.45am and 10.30pm on March 5, offenders entered a house on Bradwell Road. PC Jade Trower, from Milton Keynes police station, said: "If anyone has seen anything to do with this incident or has seen someone with these items, please call us on 101."

Fans buy band's EP as tribute to drummer Fay

FANS of a Milton Keynes band hope that as many people as possible will buy their EP after their drummer tragically passed away.

Fay Howell, who played with all-female folk group Roses and Pirates, died suddenly last Tuesday at the age of just 25.

Hundreds from across the world have now been snapping up the band's EP 'The Mariners Compass' on iTunes in tribute to the talented musician.

"The support for Fay has been overwhelming," a statement from the band said.

"The kind words and thoughts have brought Fay's family, friends and band mates much comfort."

Council houses get approval

A SCHEME to build new council houses in Milton Keynes for the first time in 15 years has taken a 'major' leap forward.

The Cabinet Procurement Committee have agreed to allow a housing association to build 12 new bungalows in Briar Hill, Stacey Bushes, which would then be owned by the council.

The bungalows will be suitable for all people of all ages, as well as wheelchair users.

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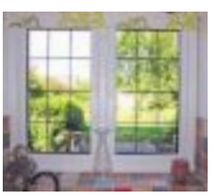

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Apprenticeships the

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DAVID Cameron visited Mercedes-Benz in Milton Keynes on Monday morning to hold a question and answer session with young apprentices.

During his visit, to mark National Apprenticeship Week, the Prime Minister pledged to make either going to university or starting an apprenticeship the 'new norm' for young people.

Speaking after the session, Mr Cameron said: "I think this is a great example of what we need more of in our country, which is training young people with apprenticeships.

"Mercedes here in Milton Keynes have got an absolutely great training academy and I wanted to come here and praise that, see what it does, and encourage younger people to look at apprenticeships, and encourage schools to spread the word about apprenticeships. I want everyone in our country to recognise that this is a really first class career choice."

During the question and answer session he acknowledged that there needed to be a culture change in schools to raise awareness of the scheme.

Asked by MK NEWS as to whether a generation of young people had been let down by not getting information about apprenticeships, the Prime Minister said: "I think there is a danger that some people have been let down by not having proper information available about the different choices that are out there.

"But I think we are putting that right as we are now seeing a massive growth in apprenticeships. A million have started over the last two-and-a-half years. I think you are seeing more young people make that choice, but there is more to be done."

Mr Cameron also said it was important to ensure that young people were getting good qualifications in maths and English, as this was hampering their chances of winning apprenticeships.

"One of the shocking statistics I was given this morning was that of the 12,000 people who applied for the 180 apprenticeship placements here at Mercedes, there were only about 180 who were able to do them," he told the local press.

"This was because there were too many who didn't have the right qualifications in terms of English and maths at GCSE level. So there is a lot we need to do to make sure that people know they are basic skills."

The PM's visit came on the day that the Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR) forecast that apprenticeship completions over the next decade could contribute up to £3.4bn a year to the economy by 2022.

The Government has said that it will also respond to the Richard Review, which looks to improve the quality of apprenticeships. It says this will be a key step towards achieving the the Prime Minister's vision.

Mr Cameron added: "Apprenticeships are at the heart of our mission to rebuild the economy. That is why I want it to be the new norm for young people to either go to university or into an apprenticeship."

The PM during the Q&A session

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‘new norm’ says PM

David Cameron addresses apprentices and the media during visit to the Mercedes-Benz centre in Tongwell

The PM is shown under bonnet of a vehicle

The Prime Minister talks with young workers during his visit

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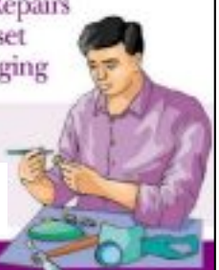

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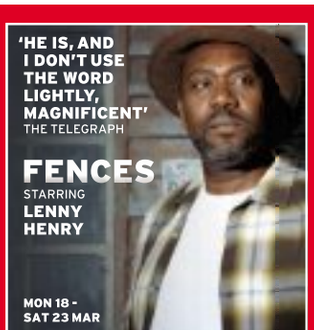

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Mike Walters talks to kids about recycling at Magna Park

John Lewis talk on recycling for school

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The kids were given a talk by recycling and waste manager Mike Walters, who showed them some of the things John Lewis has recycled in its warehouse.

The visit was part of a National Climate Week initiative to raise awareness.

More councillors plan for the city

BY DAN PALMER

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TIME is running out if you want to have your say on plans which could lead to Milton Keynes having more councillors.

The ward boundaries in the city are currently up for review by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England and it has proposed an increase in the number of elected members.

Members of the public can air their views on the matter. However any feedback must be received by Monday.

It has been recommended that Milton Keynes Council should have 57 councillors in the future, six more than the authority has at present.

The proposals would see those councillors represent 19 three-member wards across the borough.

Commission chairman Max Caller encouraged people to get in touch with them before it was too late.

"We are keen to hear local views about our boundary proposals before we finalise them in June," said Mr Caller.

"We want to make sure ward boundaries in Milton Keynes reflect the identities and interests of local communities as well as delivering electoral fairness for voters.

"This is your last chance to have your say before we finalise the recommendations."

You can view interactive maps of the proposals for Milton Keynes at http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk.

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Cheers for the trophy

BY ANNABEL HOWARD
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UNDEFEATED hip hop crew Mayhem have won their third competition this year after joining Milton Keynes Cheerleading Academy (MKCA) in January.

The new youth squad whose latest win was at Jam Fest in Blackpool on Saturday are aged six to 11 years-old.

Milton Keynes Cheerleading Academy also had success with junior cheer squad, Advocates, at the competition which was held in Blackpool Winter Gardens.

Head coach and director, Miki Garratt, 31, said: "They've really improved over the last few weeks, putting in extra training and effort.

"Their confidence has grown and it showed in their performance – they absolutely deserved their win."

Of the 30 youngsters who made the trip to Blackpool, there were only two boys, including youngest member, Addison Garratt, aged six.

The son of Miki, has described his time in Mayhem as 'epic'.

Stunt groups Saints and Warriors, who were competing in their first competition, both came third.

Coach Amy Thomason, originally from Abington, but who now lives in Northampton, was particularly proud of the Powers squad, who took part despite several members becoming injured an hour before their performance.

She said: "I was so proud of how strong the squad were, against all odds they stood united and performed their routine with utter determination.

Afflictions included an ankle injury, a stomach bug and a cut to the head!

Powers, who are aged between eight to 11 years old, came fourth in their category.

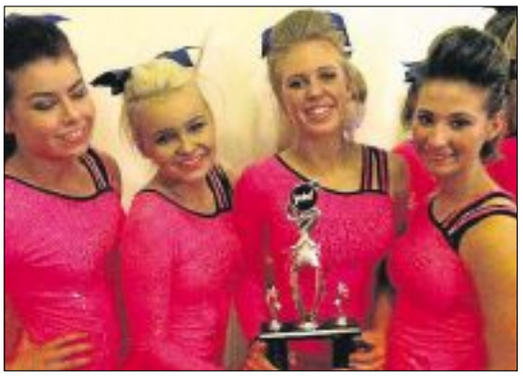
Amy continued: "It was absolutely amazing. Things were going wrong but the team still went for it."

The not-for-profit club are now attempting to get charity status as they have focused on recruiting members from some of the more disadvantaged areas in Milton Keynes.

The youth and junior squads next competitions are in Telford, Shropshire on March 30 and 31.

The club's 16+ senior hip hop dancers are due to compete on March 23 in Nottingham.

Seniors will also be travelling to Flordia for an international competition in April.



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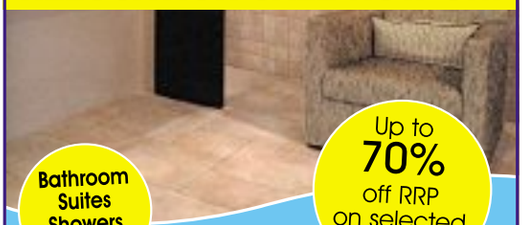

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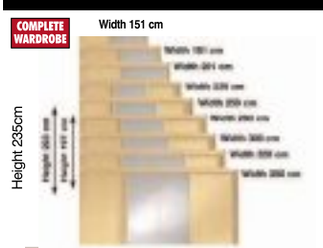

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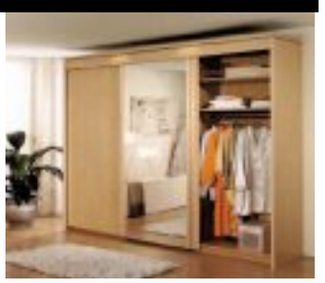

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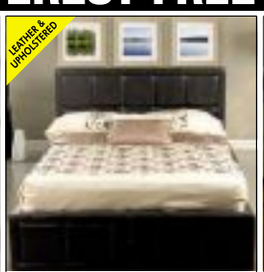

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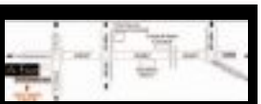

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City's business expo

BY JAMES AVERILL
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BUSINESS leaders and senior politicians converged on Milton Keynes on Friday for the city's first business expo.

Held at the DoubleTree by Hilton, at stadiummk, the expo saw keynote speeches by Business Minister Lord Younger, and Shadow Business Secretary, Chuka Umunna, representing both major political parties.

It also saw local and national businesses meet and hold networking sessions, allowing them to share information and learn from each other.

Dr Ann Limb addresses delegates

Opening the event, Lord Younger said: "I do feel that Milton Keynes is well placed to exploit the opportunities offered by trade, export and innovation.

"For instance I know the council, the universities and businesses have been working together to establish a 'Smart City' data infrastructure. This will create the right environment to boost SME innovation and enterprise, building on the city's reputation and founding principle of being forward thinking.

"Britain is revered as a cradle of scientific excellence, of ideas that change the world, of creative talents that stops us in our tracks. Milton Keynes plays its part in nurturing those strengths which will play a pivotal role in our return to rich and stable growth. We are determined to give them the environment they need to flourish."

On the opposite side of the political spectrum, Labour's Shadow Business Secretary Chuka Umunna, a man widely tipped to one day lead the party, said that he had come to the city to see what made businesses in the area achieve.

He told MK NEWS: "Clearly it is thriving here, and there are plenty of positives. But Milton Keynes is not immune from the global financial crisis, and there are still people struggling out there, and there are still young people in unemployment. So there should not be any complacency."

Umunna praised the premise of the expo, before telling assembled guests that the Labour Party was 'a party of business', and laid out his strategies should they win the next election.

"It is important to boast about the innovative, dynamic companies we have in this region and for companies to network peer-to-peer, so that they can work together and tackle common problems," said Mr Umunna. "There will be a lot of dynamic businesses here that people don't know about. Every region has a particular strength and there will be things businesses are doing here that others aren't.

"We think Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) need a lot more support, both in terms of the powers and the resources they have.

"If we were elected in 2015 we would want to turbo charge LEPs to give them the wherewithal to do what they were set up to do."

Umunna sat on a panel of Labour business experts, including Iain Wright, the MP for Hartlepool, and Lord Parry Mitchell, who is the Opposition spokesperson for Business Innovation and Skills (BIS) matters in the House of Lords.

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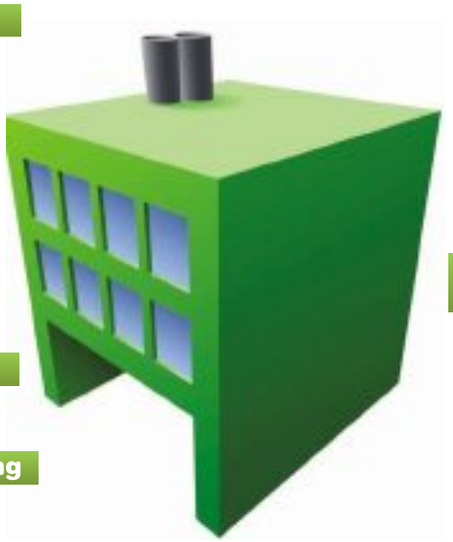

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Lord Parry Mitchell, Dr Phil Smith, Chuka Umunna MP, Dr Ann Limb, and Iain Wright MP at the expo

the chairman of the MK Business Council, Dr Philip Smith, and Dr Ann Limb, chair of the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP).

Dr Limb believed that the expo was a success story that would raise awareness of business in the Milton Keynes area.

"We are telling everyone that MK is open for business," she said. "It has been a big success, we've had 1,400 people visiting the expo.

"I think the ministers coming here today have seen a little bit of our sparkle, which comes from being optimistic and forward thinking, and not being afraid to take an opportunity."

The expo, organised by Rapid Sales Solutions, is set to take place again next year, although no venue has been confirmed.

And the group has said that waiting lists for next year's expo are already 'encouragingly long'.

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Bonus bonanza is paid to 752 staff

BY DAN PALMER
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THE city's John Lewis employees are celebrating after the company awarded them a whopping bonus – worth 17 per cent of their annual salary.

More than 750 Milton Keynes workers have received the cash boost which works out the same as nearly nine week's pay.

It's all because The John Lewis Partnership – which includes the retailer and supermarket Waitrose – is owned by its employees.

Tens of thousands of staff across the country are partners in the business, so receive a share of the profits.

The bonus, which is up from the 14 per cent paid out last year, comes after the company announced pre-tax profits of £409.6m for the year ending on January 26. This was a rise of £55.8m or 15.8 per cent.

Paul Hunt, managing director of John Lewis MK, said that the amount staff received varied depending on their job.

"The bonus is based on our profit sharing of the group," he said. "It has been a very strong year for partnership sales, which are up to £9.54bn, and that's nine per cent higher than last year.

Paul Hunt is joined by other partners at John Lewis Milton Keynes who are celebrating their 17 per cent bonus

"I think John Lewis has worked hard to stay ahead of the market. Our online presence has been phenomenal. John Lewis MK has a refurbished shop already 15 per cent ahead of last year.

"The figures will tell you everything about the work our staff have done so the bonus is a well deserved one."

In all there are 752 John Lewis partners in Milton Keynes, including those who work at the company's distribution centre at Magna Park.

More jobs are set to arrive too as the firm announced last month that it is to open a second multi-million pound distribution centre adjacent to the current Magna Park site, which will create 450 new positions.

Charlie Mayfield, chairman of the partnership, said: "I am delighted that 84,700 partners will receive a bonus of 17 per cent, equivalent to nearly nine weeks' pay."

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Stony Steppers will be performing outside MK Theatre today

Dance group step in for theatre display

TO CELEBRATE 'The Winter's Tale' production arriving at MK Theatre, local dance group the Stony Steppers will be performing outside the venue today.

The group will be showcasing their high-energy, traditional clog dances from the British Isles, America and Canada.

The Steppers have been clogging all over the world at folk festivals, and also have a Ceilidh Band who together perform in their roadshow 'One Step Beyond'.

Cromwell held an 'affinity' for town

BY JAMES AVERILL

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A NEW book is set to reveal how Oliver Cromwell had a 'special affinity' for Newport Pagnell and even fought alongside its troops and sent his son there to fight.

The publication, 'Cromwell's Garrison Town' by author Jack Reynolds, which will be officially released tomorrow, also tells how the town was a key battle-ground in the English Civil War.

Mr. Reynolds and his team put forward Newport Pagnell as a contender for a Hidden Histories project, funded by the National Lottery, and won through after convincing them of the town's key role.

"The project has been extremely challenging but very rewarding," Jack told MK NEWS.

"I have a lot of people to thank, especially Cheryl Butler who co-ordinated the project.

"Pulling all this research together for the first time shows what a colourful history the town has, and it is something to be extremely proud of."

The book however is only one part of the project. An exhibition on the findings of the team will be held in Milton Keynes Central Library tomorrow at 6pm.

The mayor of Newport Pagnell, Cllr Wendy Egan, also hopes that some of the undiscovered truths of Newport Pagnell's history will bring new tourism to the town. She said: "It's all about building the town up. We're hoping to stage a re-enactment next year which will bring people in."

'Newport Pagnell: Cromwell's Garrison Town' by Jack Reynolds, is available in book stores from March 14 for £10.

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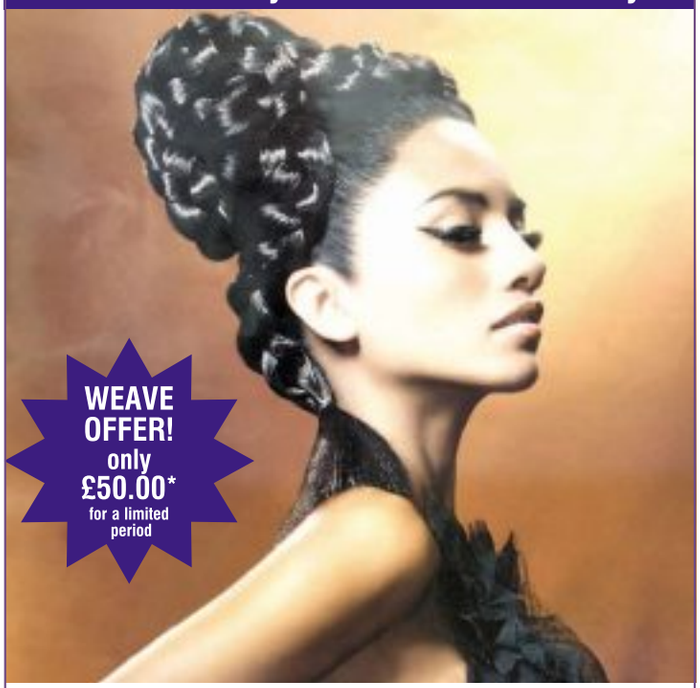

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Comic Lenny's stage

BY JUDY RILEY
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ON a bitterly cold day in Brixton, there are three very distinct advantages to being inside the local community centre.

1) two enormous electric heaters are blazing away on full power, 2) the play that is in rehearsal is set in the humid, simmering atmosphere of 1950s Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and 3) I'm watching Lenny Henry heading up an all-black company of actors working on August Wilson's Pulitzer prize-winning play, Fences.

The director of the show is Paulette Randall, Danny Boyle's associate director on the opening ceremony of the 2012 Olympic Games.

She is also the foremost director of August's plays in the UK as well as having directed his work in New York and Los Angeles.

Paulette says of Fences: "It's a rather beautiful and incredibly important play.

"It's unique in that it allows people to talk. It's rich and multi-layered and very honest – painfully so at times - but these are universal problems and I hope audiences will discover a way of celebrating the kind of people who are not normally recognised as heroes: the garbage collector, the student, the mother.

"This is the story of flawed individuals but it incorporates big themes. A year ago, I met up with Lenny and said 'wouldn't it be great to do this play'. Well, something wonderful happened and it worked out.

"It's terrific working with Lenny. There's a difference between famous people and celebrities. Lenny is a celebrity but he's also a fantastic actor."

At heart, Lenny says, he has never stopped being a comedian but he's come a long way from New Faces, Tiswas and Three of a Kind.

Four years ago he took on the mighty Shakespearean role of Othello – and won.

Two years ago he starred at the National Theatre, in Shakespeare's Comedy of Errors, and received more rave reviews.

Playing the lead character of Troy Maxson in Fences is something else again.

"At home" says Lenny, "Troy is the patriarch, the king of the castle. Outside, he is invisible. He's opinionated, tough and stubborn and he has a strong moral code.

"But he ain't doin' right by his family. He's not a touchy-feely dad. He's a difficult man and he's a bit bored with the way things are. For the first half hour of the play he is funny, witty and charming but he's very troubled.

"He is having an affair and cheating on his wife, Rose, who is a nurturing, loving mum. He does the dirty on her. But playing characters who are villains is great and this is a Rolls Royce of a play. I get very worried about doing plays because I've been doing comedy since I was 16 and that's my thing but then the script arrives and it's great. I love it!"

Troy is definitely a great part and Fences a terrific play that will almost certainly go into London after a short tour which takes in Milton Keynes.

But not only does Lenny have to act, he also has to be seen building a wooden fence at various points throughout the play. So how are his D-I-Y skills? "I can saw" he protests "but I was rubbish at woodwork. There's a lop-sided coffee table that Mr Carpenter, the woodwork teacher, made me smuggle out of school in the dead of night. We do quite a lot of sawing but then we keep getting stopped – by drama!

"It'd be a pretty dull play if we just stood there building a fence. People would be shouting 'When's the play gonna start?' 'Hey, I gotta finish cutting these boards!'"

When it comes to delivering funny lines, Lenny is a master. But there is so much more on offer in this powerful play, both from Lenny and the rest of the cast. Don't miss it here because in London, it will sell out.

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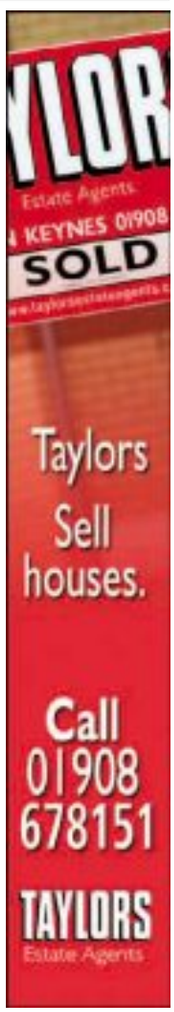

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The teen heroine is on a journey to achieve her dreams of becoming a dancer, and along the way inspire her mother Edna (Mark Benton), and win the heart of the boy she loves.

And to celebrate the show, we want you to get creative and send in pictures of your own Mad March Hair! Think big, think bold, think Hairspray!

Your photo will be published by MK NEWS and readers will have the chance to vote for their favourite.

The lucky winner will get four tickets to see Hairspray at Milton Keynes Theatre with VIP treatment and the chance to meet the cast. The winner and three friends will also receive a makeover, manicure and goody bag from Style Hair & Beauty.

So what are you all waiting for? Dig out that hairbrush and get styling! We've already had a host of pictures sent in. Some are printed here and there are more online at mk-news.co.uk.

To enter, email in your photographs to james.averill@mk-news.co.uk or alternatively, tweet us at @thisisMKNews. You can also enter by posting your pictures onto our Facebook page.

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We will accept pictures until 6pm on Wednesday March 20. Voting for the lucky winner is from Thursday March 21 until Monday March 25.

Freya Sutton (left) plays Tracy Turnblad, and *right*, the all-singing and dancing cast of Hairspray in action

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Clockwise from top left: Holly Nealis shows how sharp she is with her incredible mohican; Brad Adams may be dressed as the cowardly lion but he will fight for the prize; and Mick Nelson sent in this snap of his rather unique barnet

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Chewing gum plan is given frosty reception

BY DAN PALMER
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A PROPOSAL which could lead to the 'unattractive irritant' of chewing gum being banned from the city has been met with a frosty response.

After8, an organisation which promotes Milton Keynes' night-time economy, is calling on people to air their views on the matter.

The group says that the idea of the city becoming a chewing gum-free zone has received interest from key central destinations including Xscape, Midsummer Place, The Hub and the Theatre District.

Issues such as gum's antisocial appearance and the cost of removing it are said to be the main concerns, and After8 claims to have found 22 pieces of gum in one square foot of Central Milton Keynes.

Phil Winsor, chairman of After8, said that many wished to 'see the back of' chewing gum. But the vast majority of people who have contacted MK NEWS about the idea disagree.

Derek Eastman, a Liberal Democrat Councillor for Newport Pagnell North, said: "What next? Banning cigarettes?"

Resident Olivia Green said: "If you did ban chewing gum, people are still going to chew gum, it is not going to really stop anybody as it will be seen as a unimportant law. It is probably not going to be taken seriously enough to warrant a ban.

"Although the ban may make the town look like a better place if people actually followed it."

Meanwhile, Katherine Thomas tweeted: "Who's got the time to police this? Crazy."

Singapore has banned chewing gum but no such measures are currently in place in the United Kingdom.

"Chewing gum has become an unattractive irritant," Mr Winsor said. "We need to take on board the views of city centre users and in conjunction with Milton Keynes Council and partners, identify solutions."

To air your views on the matter, e-mail info@after8cmk.co.uk, or editor@mk-news.co.uk.

Sticky problem: Carys Underwood from After8 gets up close with some unwanted chewing gum. Should it be bannded from the city?

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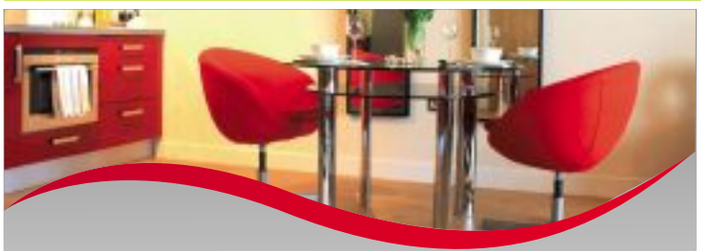

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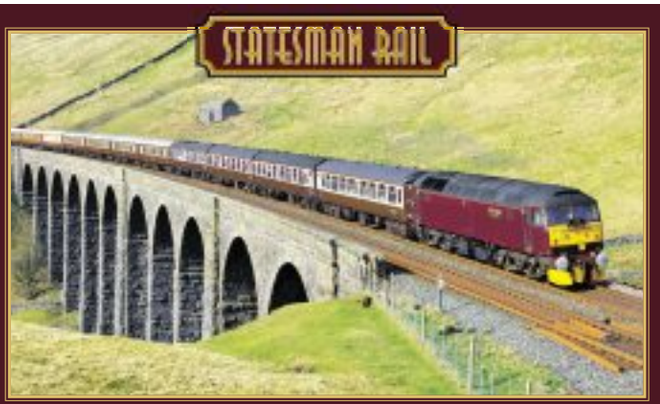

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Rugby chief explains legal row resignation

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THE former chairman of Milton Keynes Rugby Club has hit out after his shock resignation in a row over legal representation.

On Wednesday it emerged that John Theobold was to leave his post after forward Stuart Tomkinson was found guilty by the Rugby Football Union (RFU) of uttering a racist remark during a Southern Counties North game against Slough in September – an offence he denied.

Mr Theobold said that he was not objecting to the RFU's decision, but the fact the RFU had appointed a barrister and solicitor for Slough while not affording Milton Keynes the same luxury.

"My reason for resigning is that I believe that the RFU has treated MK unfairly," he said.

At the end of the season Mr Theobold was due to step aside anyway but he has done so early, seeing it as an 'opportunity to make a stand'.

"The RFU appointed a barrister and solicitor for Slough but not one for Milton Keynes," he said

"The reason being that this was a complex matter and they wanted it to be presented properly.

Resignation: John Theobold, *inset*, has resigned early as chairman of MK Rugby Club in protest at the handling of a disciplinary case

"There was no acknowledgement that it would be just as complex for Milton Keynes.

"For part of the hearing we had a solicitor who was prepared to represent us for nothing as she felt it was an uneven playing field. I am not objecting to the decision made by the RFU, but the process at which it came to its decision.

"It seemed that the outcome of the hearing was inevitable once a barrister was appointed to Slough by the RFU."

Tomkinson was banned until September 15 after the hearing but he is no longer playing.

"A significant separation of powers has already taken place and the panel appointed was an independent one consisting of two barristers in private practice and a solicitor in private practice," an RFU spokesman said.

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The club held an Extraordinary General Meeting yesterday.

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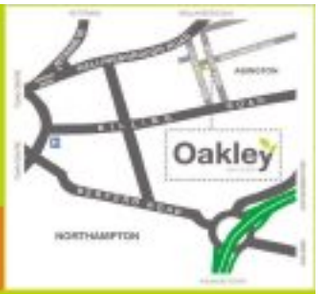

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There is tremendous excitement about the new college as the Trust is redefining approaches to teaching and learning to make these fit for twenty-first century learners. It is working closely with employers and universities to
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The Trust is similarly redefining approaches to teaching and learning in the Arts at Wootton Sixth Form College, the other Sixth Form College it operates.

The Directors are also delighted to announce two new senior staffing appointments:
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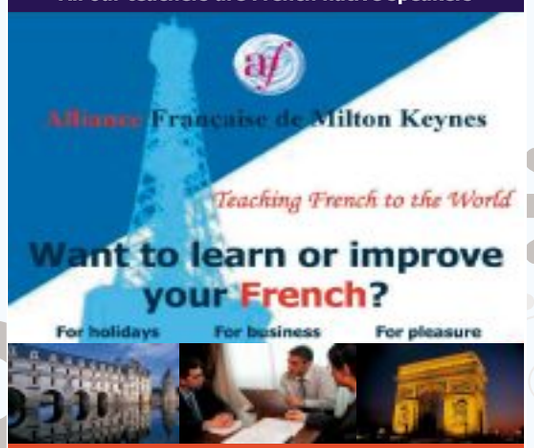

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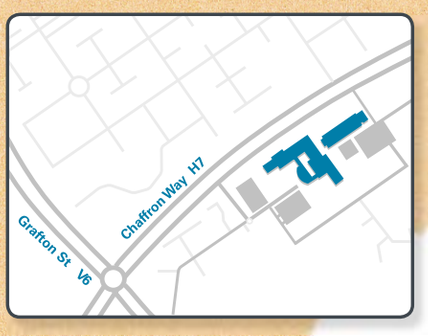

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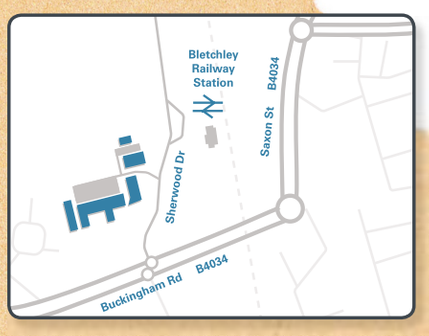

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Irish eyes will be smiling at St Patrick's Day parade

IT'S the time of year when we down a few pints of Guinness and celebrate the Emerald Isle.

Yes, it's St Patrick's Day on Sunday and the party will be in full swing at the Milton Keynes Irish Centre.

On Saturday, the annual St Patrick's Day parade will kick-off from the Irish Centre, in Manor Fields in Fenny Stratford.

Everyone is welcome – just assemble at 1.30pm ahead of the parade which starts at 2pm and makes its way to the bandstand in Bletchley.

There will be entertainment at the Bandstand in the form of The Devine Family, and then the festivities and music will continue back at the Irish Centre.

Between 4pm and 6.30pm Eugene Doonon will be performing and between 6.30pm and 8pm it will be the turn of Eamon's Country Sounds.

From 8pm until late there will be music from Mark Burns, with a charge of £5.

On Sunday, a lunch of bacon and cabbage will be served from 3pm, although you must book on 01908 375978.

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AN AMERICAN In Paris is the latest Oscar winner to be screened at MK Gallery as part of its Friday Night Films series.

American World War II veteran Jerry Mulligan lives as an exuberant expatriate in Paris whilst trying to make his reputation as a painter.

A lonely society woman, Milo Roberts, takes Jerry under her wing and supports him, but is more interested in Jerry than his art.

Starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron, the musical film scooped no fewer than six Academy Awards.

It starts at 7pm and tickets are £5 or £3 for concessions.

There's a free complimentary drink for advanced bookers on 01908 676 900.

simcity

EVERY now and then all of us think that we could do a better job if we were in charge of society.

In 1989, the original Sim City game gave us a virtual chance to do just that by allowing gamers to build their own worlds from behind our computer screens.

This was followed up by the hugely popular SimCity 2000 and now Maxis – the brains behind the games – has decided to reboot the series with a new title that is once again simply called 'Sim City'.

It means that a classic game has been given the 21st century treatment and that's no bad thing.

What we have here is a highly addictive game – you could be stuck behind your PC constructing roads and buildings for hours.

Make sure you stay in budget, though!

safehaven

ROMANTIC dramas are a license to print money nowadays – but just because this comes from the man behind The Notebook, it doesn't guarantee it's any good.

Undoubtedly hunky Josh Duhamel and cute Julianne Hough make for pretty leads, but despite a late twist, this is slow, schmaltzy, tediously monotonous fare, that never really gets going.

When mysterious young girl Katie (Hough) ends up in the sleepy North Caroline abode of Southport to escape her abusive husband, she alienates herself on the outskirts of town to start a new life.

With only quite-annoying neighbour Jo (Cobie Smulders, SHIELD's Agent Hill from Avengers Assemble) for company, she slowly drops her guard and befriends widower and store-owner Alex (Duhamel), and his two children.

But after being seemingly implicated in a homicide investigation that made her escape from Boston, a police officer (David Lyons), will stop at nothing to trace his suspect – and turn her world upside down.

No, this isn't a remake of Julia Robert's Sleeping with the Enemy.

But sadly that was better, as this slowly plods, with stumbling romantic set-pieces and a predictable storyline that brings absolutely nothing new to the genre.

It's also boringly padded-out with surprisingly plodding direction from experienced What's Eating Gilbert Grape and Dear John helmer Lasse Hallstrom – and by the time the (maybe) shocking curveball arrives at the end, it doesn't really resonate. By then, you don't really care.

In fact, the movie that obviously should end quite sweetly – actually ends up a little creepy.

If you want a real good romance, watch author Nicholas Sparks' far-better The Notebook again – it is a much safer bet than this soullessly cumbersome fare.

Rating: 2/5 Review by Gavin Miller

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Gig guide

The Stables

80spop

HAZEL O'Connor was catapulted to stardom after her songs featured in the hit movie Breaking Glass.

Now the singer is celebrating that success with her 'Breaking Glass Barefoot' tour, which features the hit songs 'Eighth Day', 'Will You', 'Big Brother', and 'If Only'.

She's now teaming up with David Bowie saxophonist Clare Hirst and vocalist/pianist Sarah Fisher, of Eurythmics. This leads to a superb blend of voices.

Audience-goers can expect powerful performances that will bring the entire room to its feet.

Hazel O'Connor appears at The Stables at 8pm on Tuesday March 19. Tickets are £17.50.

cultduo

BOURGEOIS and Maurice are a rare breed of act in that they are almost impossible to categorise.

With a mixture of comedy, cabaret and goth-pop, it's perhaps best if you go along to The Stables and find out for yourself.

What IS known is that they are one of the sharpest acts on the international scene, with their catchy songs taking them around the world from New York to Melbourne and now to Milton Keynes.

This, their latest show, sees them cover issues such as phone-hacking, ecological disaster and tax returns, expressed only through a piano and some plastic instruments.

Not suitable for under 16s and may contain strong material.

Bourgeois and Maurice play The Stables on Sunday, March 17 at 8pm. Tickets cost £12.

breed77

FOLLOWING a successful stint at last year's Download Festival, Breed 77 are now enjoying their own headline tour.

The heavy metal band from Gibraltar is at the Craufurd Arms this week, playing recent singles 'Drown' and 'The Evil Inside'.

Having scored UK Top 40 hits, made five albums which have sold over 50,000 copies, and toured the world, Breed77 have some pedigree.

Expect heavy rock, anthemic stadium filling songs, sublime ballads, and more. Breed77 play on Saturday March 16 at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10.

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Wednesday 20 March, 8pm
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Screenings will take place at the Resort's Imagination Theatre from March 15. Chima fans can also meet the film's hero, Laval the Lion Prince, standing guard at the cinema entrance in the form of a 1.2m tall LEGO model, while a Laval Minifigure costume character will also make regular appearances across the Resort.

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party band

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sixties style

THE 60s will be alive and well at MK Theatre on Sunday.

Take a seat at The Solid Silver 60s Show and relive a decade which many believe was the greatest.

Original artists including Mike Pender, Dave Berry, Wayne Fontana, New Amen Corner and The Merseybeats will all be performing their best known and most well-loved hits.

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funny women

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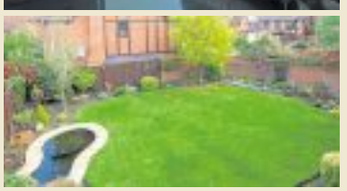

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- Conservatory
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking
- Gardens

Cruickshank Grove £249,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Garage & Off Road Parking

North Eleventh Street £190,000

- Three Bedroom Townhouse
- Gas Central Heating
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Gardens & Off Road Parking

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Newport Pagnell £480,000

- Detached House
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Two En-Suites
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two/Three Bathrooms
- Integral Double Garage
- Kitchen/Breakfast/Dining Room
- Garden

Tattenhoe £349,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Two En-Suites
- Double Aspect Lounge
- Kitchen

Best of Both Worlds £235,000

- Countryside Views
- End Terraced House
- Three Bedrooms
- Reception Room

South Milton Keynes

- Contemporary Design
- No Chain
- Hassle Free Part Exchange Available
- Stylish
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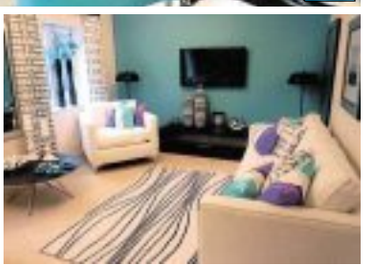

East Milton Keynes £244,950

- Walton High School Catchment Area
- Semi Detached House
- Close to Caldecotte Lake
- Walking Distance to Ousle Park
- Kitchen/Diner onto Garden
- Four Bedrooms
- Master with En-Suite
- Generous Sized Separate Lounge

Milton Keynes £230,000

- End Terraced Cottage
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Reception Room
- Two Bathrooms
- Reception Room

East Milton Keynes £154,950

- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- En-Suite

South Milton Keynes £136,495

- Canal Views
- Two Bedrooms
- Reception Room
- Two Bathrooms

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Buckingham Road

- Semi Detached House
- Extended Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Utility Room
- Generous Size Garage

An extended four bedroom semi detached property in the sought after area of Buckingham Road. Extended by it's previous owners the property briefly comprises lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory and utility.

£269,995

Southland Drive £220,000

- Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Cloakroom, Kitchen
- Lounge, Family Bathroom
- En-Suite to Master
- Disclaimer

Southland Drive £220,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom

Southland Drive £225,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom

Holsey Lane £225,000

- Four Bedroom Semi Detached
- Balcony Views
- Fitted Kitchen with Fitted Appliances
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Dual Aspect Lounge
- No Onward Chain

Wordsworth Drive £189,995

- Semi Detached
- Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge

Enigma Place £164,950

- Modern Three Bedroom House
- En-Suite to Master
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom

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North Crawley OIEO £385,000
- Extended Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Double Garage
- Garden to Rear
- Sought After Village Location

Rivers Estate £245,000
- Four Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Master En-Suite

Annes Grove £210,000
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Garden to Front & Rear
- Off Road Parking & Garage

Rivers Estate £235,000
- Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Downstairs Shower Rooms
- Family Bathroom

Poets Estate £230,000
- Keys Now in Vacant
- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Family Bathroom

Newport Pagnell £230,000
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Cloakroom
- En Suite
- Family Bathroom

Newport Pagnell £200,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Short Walk to Portfield School
- Ideal Family House

Make me an Offer OIEO £180,000
- Detached Victorian Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room & Kitchen
- Town Centre Location

Bessemer Court £180,000
- Three Bedroom Bungalow
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Dining Area

Newport Pagnell £180,000
- Victorian Terraced House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Rear Garden

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Hartwell £516,000

- Barn Style Executive House
- Five Bedrooms
- Double Aspect Lounge
- Family Kitchen
- Two En-Suites
- Near Salcey Forest

Old Stratford £230,000

- Semi Detached
- 1930s Style Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking

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We have a buyer whose property is sstc looking for a three bedroom property with en-suite in Deanshanger.

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Stratford Park £177,995

- Mid Terrace
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Cloakroom
- Garden
- Parking

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Deanshanger OIEO £175,000

- Semi Detached
- Extended Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- No Upper Chain
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

Yardley Gobion £175,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking
- Must Be Viewed

Haldene £70,000

- One Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Shingle Frontage
- Allocated Parking
- Popular 'Two Mile Ash' Area
- Investment Potential

Deanshanger £65,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Garage
- Village Location
- Master with En-Suite
- Lounge
- Kitchen

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Tattenhoe £385,000
- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Under Floor Heating
- Off Road Parking

Shenley Brook End £350,000
- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Situated on a Corner Plot
- Kitchen/Breakfast
- Part Garage Conversion
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage (Partially Converted)

Kingsmead £349,950
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Four Bathrooms
- En-Suite
- Garage
- Off Road Parking

Tattenhoe £329,995
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Conservatory
- Utility Room

Oakhill £290,000
- Four Bedrooms
- Detached Property
- Excellent Sized Rear Garden
- Driveway & Garage

Westcroft £285,000
- Five Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen Diner
- Front & Rear Gardens
- No Chain

Kingsmead £229,995
- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached Property
- Conservatory
- Driveway & Garage

Westcroft £225,000
- Three Bedroom Detached House
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory

Tattenhoe £225,000
- Three Bedroom Detached Property
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Master with En-Suite

Westcroft £209,995
- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Master with En-Suite
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

Furzton £190,000
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Front & Rear Gardens

Medbourne £184,995
- Two/Three Bedroom Property
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Family Bathroom

Furzton £45,000
- Shared Ownership Scheme
- Kitchen
- One Bedroom
- Allocated Parking

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Middleton £360,000
- Similar Required
- Double Garage
- Study
- Dining Room
- Lounge
- Master Bedroom

Great Linch £309,995
- Similar Required
- Four Bedroom Detached House
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Conservatory
- En-Suite

Chetwode Avenue £285,000
- Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Reception Room
- Dining Room
- Bathroom
- Garden

Church Street £178,500
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Garage
- No Chain
- Character Features
- Garden
- Four Piece Bathroom

Stacey Avenue £175,000
- No Chain
- Attractive Garden
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Barn
- Garage

Middleton £165,000
- Similar Required
- Two Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Double Glazing

Middleton £159,995
- Similar Required
- Top Floor Flat
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner with Balcony

Aylesbury Street £155,000
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Garden
- Lounge/Diner

Manor Cottages £130,000
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom

Field Lane £127,500
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- Kitchen/Diner
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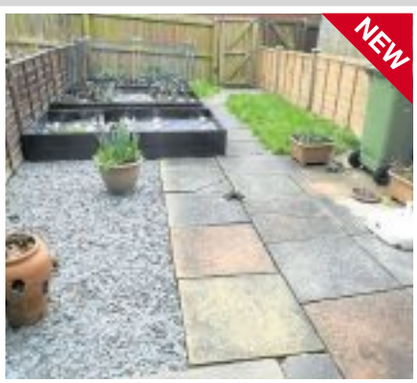

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Northampton Road £375,000

- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Two Reception Rooms
- Re-fitted Family Bathroom
- Very Generous Rear Garden
- Garage & Ample Off Road Parking

Oxleys £300,000

- No Upper Chain
- Four Bedrooms
- Detached Property
- Conservatory
- En-Suite to the Master Bedroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden

Olney £285,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Top Floor Retirement Complex
- Fantastic Views
- Allocated Parking

Lavendon £280,000

- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Recently Renovated
- Sitting Room & Dining Room
- Garden & Garage
- Off Road Parking

Midland Road £234,995

- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs Shower Room
- Family Bathroom

The Pyghtle £215,000

- Extended Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Sitting Room & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden

High Street £210,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Converted Chapel
- Under Floor Heating
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

High Street £205,000

- Detached Stone Cottage
- Dining Room & Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden

Emberton O/O £195,995

- Two Bedroom Period Cottage
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Replacement Windows
- Integrated Appliances

Wollaston £169,995

- Victorian Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Sitting Room & Dining Room
- Family Bathroom

Freemans Gardens £165,000

- First Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen

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Newton Blossomville £1,000,000

Stone built property with views over the countryside. Includes sitting room with inglenook fireplace and vaulted ceilings, fitted kitchen/diner, family room, study, four bedrooms, two en-suites and a paddock. Please call 01234 711481 for further details.

Property of the week

Hinwick £550,000

A Grade II listed stone built barn conversion, dating back to approximately 1741 and situated in the sought after village of Hinwick, which lies within the popular Sharnbrook Upper School catchment area. Benefitting from four/five bedrooms, two with en-suites, three reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, beams and stonework. Please call 01234 711481 for further details.

Horton £375,000

An exclusive development of three executive homes in the village of Horton, being built to a premium specification by Georgian House Developments. Features include under floor heating, oak doors and granite work surfaces. Only two plots remaining. Please call 01234 711481 for further details.

Olney £235,000

End terrace property boasting features such as sash cord windows and an open fireplace. Accommodation comprises kitchen/breakfast room, three piece shower room, two double bedrooms and a family bathroom.

Bozeat £200,000

Three storey stone cottage comprising sitting room with open fireplace and stripped floor, fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms and a re-fitted bathroom. Other benefits include double glazing and off road parking.

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Moulsoe £500,000

Well presented four bedroom bungalow sat on a generous plot and boasting flexible living accommodation. Comprising lounge, service lobby, cloakroom, utility room, bathroom, kitchen and wrap-around garden.

Newport Pagnell £359,995

Four bedroom semi detached property set in a private cul-de-sac location, offering an easy commute to the M1. The property comprises two reception rooms, two bathrooms, kitchen/diner and garage.

Newport Pagnell £265,000

Four bedroom semi detached property comprising lounge, open plan kitchen/diner, en-suite and balcony to master, family bathroom and gardens to the front and rear. Internal viewing is highly recommended.

Newport Pagnell £248,000

Well presented four bedroom family home, situated in the popular Green Park estate of Newport Pagnell. The property benefits from short walks into town and local primary and secondary schools.

North Crawley £290,000

Three bedroom link detached bungalow in the village of North Crawley. Comprising living room, kitchen/diner, garage, garden and utility room. Call 01908 611 388 to book your viewing now.

Broughton £270,000

Four bedroom detached property with a single garage situated in the popular location of Broughton. The property comprises study, lounge, dining room, master with en-suite, family bathroom and gardens.

Newport Pagnell £235,000

Four bedroom end terrace property, situated on the outskirts of Newport Pagnell. Benefitting from school catchment, short walks into the town centre and offering flexible living accommodation.

Newport Pagnell £230,000

Extended four bedroom semi detached house offering three reception rooms and large kitchen/diner, situated within the catchments of both primary and secondary schools.

Great Linford £220,000

Three bedroom detached property with a single garage, re-fitted kitchen and re-fitted bathroom. In our opinion this property offers a larger than average rear garden. Situated in a cul-de-sac location.

Newport Pagnell £180,000

Two bedroom cottage with original character features throughout including quarry tiled flooring and Victorian fireplaces in the lounge and dining room. The property is walking distance from Newport Pagnell Town Centre.

Newport Pagnell £160,000

Two bedroom end terrace cottage with off road parking, located within a short walking distance of Newport Pagnell town centre. The property is offered with no chain and benefits from pleasant walks along the River Ouze.

Giffard Park £55,000

Well presented two bedroom semi detached family home with 30% shared ownership. Comprising entrance porch, open plan kitchen/diner, lounge, cloakroom, family bathroom, rear garden and driveway.

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Conniburrow £130,000

A four bedroom townhouse with balcony, in Conniburrow. The property in brief comprises lounge, kitchen/diner, cloakroom, four double bedrooms, bathroom and enclosed rear garden.

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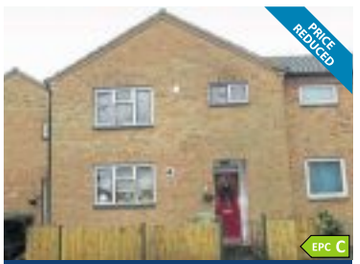
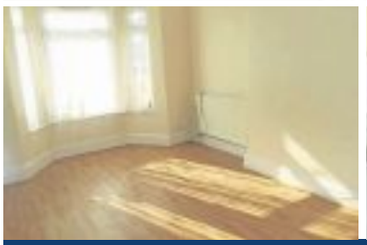


Pennyland £140,000

This three bedroom mid terraced property comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, re-fitted kitchen/dining room, lounge, reception room, bathroom, conservatory, off road parking and rear garden.

Bradwell £150,000

A three bedroom terraced property, which boasts double glazing, kitchen and no upward chain. The accommodation briefly comprises inner hall, kitchen/diner, lounge, landing, three bedrooms, bathroom and off road parking.



Bletchley £225,000

Located within one mile of Bletchley town centre and leisure centre the property comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, family room/bedroom, downstairs cloakroom, first floor landing, four bedrooms, family bathroom and rear garden.

Springfield £165,000

A five bedroom property with garage in Springfield.The property in brief comprises cloakroom, kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite, four further bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden, off road parking and garage.

Two Mile Ash £169,995

A three bedroom end of terraced property with conservatory in the popular area of Two Mile Ash. In brief the property comprises lounge, kitchen, conservatory, bedroom with en-suite, two further bedrooms and bathroom.

Willen Park £190,000

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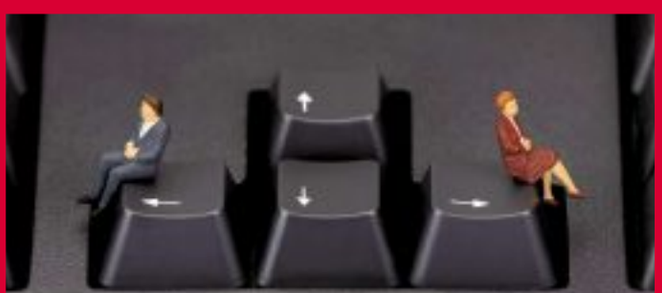
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£16,830 - £18,453 pro rata. (Includes training days)

A fantastic opportunity has arisen at Arnold Academy to support the learning and development of our pupils. The children are looking for someone special who has a strong desire to help support them achieve their goals. If you are flexible and can readily adapt to changing situations whilst maintaining a positive approach, we would like to hear from you. Full induction and a strong support network are provided to enable you to maximise your skills.

For further information and an application pack please contact Mrs Wendy Simpson (Office Manager) on 01582 616400 or email admin@arnold.beds.sch.uk

An application pack can also be downloaded from our website: www.arnold.beds.sch.uk

Closing date is noon on Monday 25th March.
Interviews will be held on Wednesday 27th March.

Arnold Academy is committed to providing a safe environment for all.

An enhanced DBS clearance (previously CRB) will be required of the successful applicant.

At Milton Keynes, we're supporting the growth of our vibrant city while continuing to deliver excellent services. It's an exciting place to be and we're keen to get the balance right - including the work-life balance. So if you're looking for family friendly benefits and the chance to make a difference, make a move to MKC.

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

Residential Worker

£17,802 - £21,519 pro rata
Annualised hours **Ref: 50018381**

Residential Workers required to work in MKC's busy children's homes for children with a learning disability. Furze House and Westminster Drive have been graded as 'Good' in recent Ofsted inspections. Furze House provides residential short breaks and Westminster Drive provides long term care. We are looking for people who can bring their life skills, positive outlook and an enthusiasm for young people to the service. We are happy to help the right people develop the specialist skills needed. You will need to be prepared to work alternate weekends, Bank Holidays along with early and late shift patterns. These posts provide a pool of specialist workers to work alongside the established team.

This post is subject to safer recruitment practices.

Community Access Worker

£15,725 - £18,453 pro rata for part-time

18.5 hours **Ref: 50016919**
22 hours **Ref: 50017817**
30 hours **Ref: 50018429**
37 hours **Ref: 50017437**

Short Breaks Service wants highly motivated people with a genuine interest in supporting adults with a learning disability with varying needs including complex care, coping with social rules, or skills to independent living. The job involves working varied shift patterns including sleep-ins and weekends. A full driving licence is essential.

This post is subject to safer recruitment practices.

For informal enquiries please contact Azrra Hussein on 01908 225164 or Gerry Fitzpatrick on 01908 324013.

Interviews: 19 April 2013

Intermediate Care Worker

£13,589 - £16,054 pro rata for part-time

30 hours **Ref: 50018427**
37 hours **Ref: 50016522**

You will work to maximise our clients' independence following short periods of illness as part of a committed multidisciplinary reablement team. With or willing to work towards NVQ2 in care, you will have strong communication, record keeping, and driving skills and the flexibility to work a range of shifts.

These roles are subject to safer recruitment practices.

For informal enquiries please contact Pat McVeigh or the Intermediate Care Team Leader on 01908 363070.

Library Operations Assistant – Milton Keynes Central Library

£13,589 - £16,054 **Ref: 50019306**

You will ensure this large building is secure, safe and well cared for by being a key holder and carrying out small maintenance repairs. Duties include general lifting and carrying of materials so a good standard of fitness is required. The ability to priorities your work, communication skills and basic IT skills are essential.

Instrumental Teacher

TPS **Ref: 50012620**

Zero hours contract

Milton Keynes Music Service is looking for teachers to join their committed staff of instrumental teachers. You will be expected to show a high level of expertise on your instrument and a dedication to teaching. Initially you will be joining our panel of teachers and we are especially looking for teachers of violin, guitar and keyboard. Applications from teachers of other instruments would also be welcome.

This post is subject to safer recruitment practices.

For informal enquiries please contact David Rose, Head of Service on 01908 359449 or david.rose2@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Class Music Teacher

TPS **Ref: 50012620**

Zero hours contract

Join Milton Keynes Music Service, and you will teach whole-class music curriculum lessons across the primary age range, including whole-class instrumental programmes in schools. Your classroom experience will ideally be matched by the ability to teach recorder, guitar, keyboard, or world percussion. Full training will be provided.

This post is subject to safer recruitment practices.

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Library Customer Counter Assistant

£12,145 - £13,874 pro rata

3 hours – Wolverton Library **Ref: 50019030**
4 hours – Milton Keynes Central Library **Ref: 50019036**

Working Saturdays you will be part of a team helping customers and assisting with general library duties including shelving, and issuing books and using the library's computer system. You must enjoy working with the public and have excellent communication and ICT skills, and a strong commitment to customer care.

Library Customer Assistant

£13,589 - £16,054 pro rata

16.5 hours – Wolverton Library **Ref: 50019355**
23.5 hours – Bletchley Library **Ref: 50019335**

You will work as part of a team helping customers and assisting with general library duties including shelving, and issuing books and using the library's computer system. You must enjoy working with the public and have excellent communication and ICT skills, and a strong commitment to customer care. Hours include working late evenings and at weekends.

Closing date for all posts: 01 April 2013.

To apply online visit: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/jobs-careers
For an application form, email: jobs@milton-keynes.gov.uk
Please quote appropriate reference. Salaries will normally start at the first point of the grade.
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Sports Editor

We are looking for a person who has the skills, vision and passion to drive sports coverage forward equally on both our digital sites and newspapers.

Local World is an exciting new media group that publishes market leading newspapers in Beds, Bucks and Northants alongside rapidly growing and popular websites and magazines.

We have a number of top sports teams in our area including Bedford Blues RUFC, MK Dons and Luton Town and Northampton Town football clubs. Our readers want top quality coverage twenty four hours a day, seven days a week both online and in print.

You will manage a small team, delivering reports, exclusive stories and providing matchday coverage on our web sites.
Digital experience is essential along with the ability to develop innovative and interactive sports sections which ensure that our websites continue to lead the way in up to the minute local sports news.

The Sports Editor will be involved at all levels on a series of Local World titles and associated websites including MK News, Luton on Sunday, LD Express, Bedfordshire on Sunday, Bedford Midweek, Northampton H&P and Wellingborough H&P.

LOCAL WORLD

For an application form please contact Alison.lloyd@localworld.co.uk
Closing date: Friday 15th March 2013

It is the company's policy to employ the best qualified personnel and provide opportunity for the advancement of employees including promotion and training and not discriminate against any person because of sex, race, pregnancy, disability, marital or family status, ages, sexual orientation, religious beliefs or trade union memberships.
(Previous applicants need not apply)

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Ferrars Junior School
Lewsey Road, Luton LU4 0ES

Class Teacher

MPS/UPS **Ref: 40/0750**
Required for the Autumn Term 2013

Ferrars Junior School is well resourced, has high standards and is a recently OFSTED inspected **'Good'** school.

You will be:

- An excellent Classroom Practitioner
- Able to motivate and inspire the children, offering both challenge and enjoyment
- Able to deliver high quality lessons, evaluate their impact and develop future planning accordingly
- Passionate about children's learning and feel you can make a positive impact to their life chances
- A life - long learner and equally passionate about your own professional development

We can offer:

- Friendly, motivated and enthusiastic staff team
- Positive, happy children who are keen and appreciate high quality of learning
- Great opportunities for professional development
- The support of highly motivated and supportive colleagues and Governors who are fun to work with.

If you are committed to raising pupil achievement, we would like to hear from you.

Visits to the school are highly recommended.

For further details and to arrange a visit please contact the school office, telephone 01582 574933 or email: ferrars.juniors.admin@luton.gov.uk

To apply for this role, visit www.luton.gov.uk/jobs and click on the link to the Teaching and Schools Vacancies

Closing date: 16 April 2013.

Interview date: w/c 22 April 2013.

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools. Schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Criminal Records Bureau.

We value equality because quality services need the best people - from the whole community.

LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

BSSC

ESOL CO-ORDINATOR

Required for September 2013 (August if possible)

Bedford School Study Centre is a successful International Study Centre attached to Bedford School. We prepare overseas boys and girls for boarding education in the UK.

We are seeking an ESOL co-ordinator who will teach a full timetable, oversee the ESOL resources and curriculum in the Study Centre and manage exams. The successful applicant will work with our subject teachers and take a leading role in pastoral and extra-curricular activities.

Applicants must be qualified to British Council TEFLQ standard and have experience of working with students aged 11-18 whose first language is not English.

For further details and an application pack please visit our website:

www.bedfordschool.org.uk/academic-vacancies

Completed applications should be emailed to: **hr@bedfordschool.org.uk** or posted to **Anna Smith, HR Adviser, The Bursary, Bedford School, 10 Glebe Road, Bedford MK40 2PL.**

www.bedfordschool.org.uk

The Harpur Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to an Enhanced DBS (formerly CRB) check, references and other checks.

Bedford School is part of the Harpur Trust

Closing Date 25 March 2013

HMC BOARDING AND DAY
715 Boys
300 Sixth Form

BEDFORD SCHOOL

HEAD OF GEOGRAPHY

An enthusiastic, well qualified teacher is required for September 2013 to join a large and successful department, with over 90 boys studying Geography in the Sixth Form at A Level or the International Baccalaureate (IB).

A willingness to take an active part in the wider life of a busy boarding and day School is essential and the ability to coach games, especially one of the School's major sports, would be an advantage.

The School has its own salary scale which is well above the national scale. Accommodation may be available and there is generous fee remission for children of teaching staff of all the Harpur Trust Schools in Bedford.

Further details are available from **Sarah Lapidge, Bedford School, De Parys Avenue, Bedford MK40 2TU tel: 01234 362214 fax: 01234 362283 email: slapidge@bedfordschool.org.uk.**

A copy of the job description and an application form is available to download from the School's website (www.bedfordschool.org.uk). Applications should be returned to the Head Master no later than midday on Friday 15th March 2013.

Previous applicants need not apply.

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Bedford School is part of the Harpur Trust

Interview Date Tuesday 19th March 2013

HMC BOARDING AND DAY
715 Boys
300 Sixth Form

BEDFORD SCHOOL

HEAD OF ENGLISH

An enthusiastic, well qualified teacher is required for September 2013 to lead a large and successful department, with over 100 boys studying English in the Sixth Form at A Level or the International Baccalaureate (IB).

A willingness to take an active part in the wider life of a busy boarding and day School is essential and the ability to coach games, especially one of the School's major sports, would be an advantage.

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Interview Date Wednesday 20th March 2013

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Are you a Milton Keynes Council tenant, leaseholder or shared owner?

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/housing-scrutiny **Tel: 01908 253264**

Are you someone who likes to do something about problems yourself?

Do you enjoy exploring what happens behind the scenes?

Do you have at least five hours a month to spare?

If you have answered yes to these questions, you could be just the person we are looking for!

- We need committed tenants to be part of a new Tenant Housing Scrutiny Panel.
- Your role would be to investigate different aspects of the council's housing service and recommend improvements.
- You will be there to work on behalf of all Milton Keynes Council tenants, leaseholders and shared owners.

You will need to be able to:

- Work independently and as part of a team
- Understand reports and information.
- Express yourself clearly in formal meetings.
- Give constructive feedback.
- Respect the views and feelings of others.

This is a voluntary role and you will not be paid. However, expenses incurred in carrying out the role will be reimbursed.

What's in it for you?

- The opportunity to improve your knowledge and develop your life and work skills – there will be full training to support you in your role.
- The chance to make a real difference to the council's housing services and improve things for you and your neighbours.

Do you have what it takes?

You will need to complete an application form which is available at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/housing-scrutiny or by calling 01908 253264.

If you have any questions you can call the Resident Involvement Manager, Simon Aslett on 01908 253264 or Geoff Woolmore, a council tenant, on 07515 475259.

Residents who meet the criteria will be invited to an informal interview.

Closing date for applications is **30 March 2013.**

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

Cardinal Newman Catholic School and Specialist Science College

Warden Hill Road, Luton LU2 7AE

Marketing and Public Relations Officer

£14,163 - £15,336 p.a. **Ref: 40/0756**

37 hours per week, term-time only, plus 5 training days

Cardinal Newman is an 11-19 comprehensive school serving the Roman Catholic community in Luton and Dunstable. The school has Specialist Science Status and was described by Ofsted in March 2011 as 'A good school with many outstanding features', 'Its very positive ethos greatly assists the academic and personal development of every student'.

Cardinal Newman is a high performing secondary school in Luton with an excellent reputation within the community. We have a number of exciting projects on the horizon including building works and curriculum changes. We require a Marketing and Public Relations Specialist to join our team; you will have a focus on promoting the school and our partnerships to the wider community through various media streams. A key area of this role will be daily updates of our website to ensure content are relevant and engaging. If you feel that you have the skills and enthusiasm to undertake this new and exciting post then please apply to the school.

The school is committed to safe recruitment procedures and safeguarding children.

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For further details and an application form please contact Mrs S Bradley, PA to Headteacher at the school address, telephone 01582 597125 or email cardinal.newman.admin@luton.gov.uk

Closing date: 20 March 2013.
Interview date: 28 March 2013.

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools.
Schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment.
Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Criminal Records Bureau.

We value equality because quality services need the best people - from the whole community.

LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

WANTED, ENGINEER WITH IDEAS!

Engineer required with some CNC / CAD experience to work for a small company.

General engineering or toolmaking background but essentially a willingness to adapt, try new approaches and work autonomously is key.

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We are keen to emphasise that we are definitely not ageist!

Please contact Mr Huckvale either in writing at the following address or by email to:

High Street Design
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Experienced Office Administrator

This is a full time position
Monday - Friday 8.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
The successful candidate will need to be computer literate and have good general knowledge of office procedures.
Driving licence essential.

Please apply in writing enclosing a CV to:

Mrs B. Scoley
Stafford Bridge Doors Limited
Bedford Road, Pavenham, MK43 7PS
e.mail: betty.sco@sbdoors.com
Tel: 01234 826316

Part Time Administrator

We are a busy interior refurbishment company looking for someone to work 5 mornings a week to help with data entry.

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We all operate in our own homes so applicants must be self-motivated and possess suitable space/room in their homes, appropriate equipment will be provided. A thorough knowledge of multi-user Sage 50 and word/excel is essential. Familiarity of foreign currency transactions would be an advantage. Bookkeeping skills to trial balance level is a pre-requisite.

The current post-holder works circa 22 hours per week and this may increase as the company expands.

Applicants should submit CV's etc. to mike@ernestthebeartoys.co.uk

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Income Generation / Fundraising Officer

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If you thrive on challenges and have an innovative and enquiring mind, email me a letter telling me about your career to date and how you would meet the challenges this opportunity presents.

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IT Network Manager

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Occasionally the post holder may need to work outside of hours at weekends or evenings by arrangement.

We seek to employ an enthusiastic, knowledgeable person to manage our IT network. The person appointed will be developing and supporting a wide range of technologies including Windows and Linux servers. Ousedale School is based on two campuses, the main base for this position is Newport Pagnell but you will line manage the ICT support staff at Olney and on occasion be required to work there.

We offer:

- Excellent support and training
- Highly motivated and friendly IT support team
- Generous holiday entitlement
- Opportunity to work in the top performing school in Milton Keynes in 2012
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If you want to join our school, details and an application form are available on our website www.ousedale.org.uk via email to recruitment@ousedale.org.uk or by applying to Mrs Sue Carbert, Headteacher at the address shown below.

Application forms only will be accepted - please do not send in CVs.

Closing date: 3.00 pm – Monday, 18th March 2013.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS will be required.

The Grove, Newport Pagnell, Bucks MK16 0BJ | Tel: 01908 210203 | Fax: 01908 216574
E-mail: recruitment@ousedale.org.uk | Headteacher: Mrs S Carbert

CONCIERGE

SALARY: £15,686 PER ANNUM

YMCA Bedfordshire is recruiting for this position to work as part of the YMCA Foyer team which offers supported accommodation to young people aged 16–25 years old.

The hours of work will be 37.5 per week, working a shift rota of days, nights and weekends.

The successful candidate will be responsible for a range of duties including:

- Taking responsibility for the security of the building and the health and safety of all service users and visitors;
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- Answering the telephone and face to face enquiries from members of the public and service users, inputting data on hostel management system.

The role will ideally suit a pro-active, self-motivated person who would enjoy being part of a dynamic team.

Email: admin@ymcabedfordshire.org.uk for an application pack, or download from our website at www.ymcabedfordshire.org.uk

Enquiries: Dina Browne 01234 264104.

Closing date: 18th March 2013 at 12.00 noon.
Interviews: 21st March 2013.

Applicants must understand and demonstrate support to the Christian aims and purposes of the YMCA. Any appointment will be subject to suitable references and DBS checks. The YMCA is committed to Equal Opportunities and Safer Recruitment practices YMCA Bedfordshire is a Company Limited Guarantee: Registered in England & Wales No: 02337961 Charity No: 801035. Housing No: H3858.

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For further details and an application form please telephone, fax or write to the school, or visit the school website www.st-pauls.org.uk

Tel: (01908) 669735 or Fax: (01908) 676206

Closing date for applications Wednesday 27 March 2013

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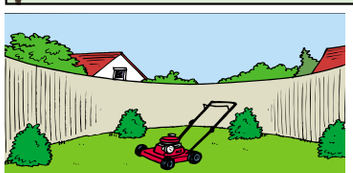

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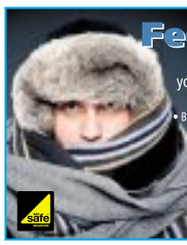

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Milton Keynes Council is required to maintain and manage lists of such assets in line with the statutory framework and has submitted details of the Suffolk Punch on its website.

If the owner of Suffolk Punch, The Parks Trust wishes to sell the asset or grant a lease for 25 years or more, a six month moratorium period will be triggered during which the Suffolk Punch cannot be sold or so let.

This period will give Bradwell Parish Council some time to develop a proposal and raise the required capital to bid for the property when it comes onto the open market at the end of the moratorium period.

For more information about Community Right To Bid contact Neil Hanley, Community Asset Transfer programme manager, on 01908 253632.

11th March 2013

Milton Keynes Council's approach to Community Asset Transfer - Next assets for transfer

The Council's Community Asset Transfer Programme is about giving the community more control over the facilities that they use – such as leisure and community centres, libraries and open space.

Public meetings for the next tranche of five assets have been arranged at various venues as laid out in the table below. The Council's approach to Community Asset Transfer was adopted on 31 July 2012.

Asset Opening for Application	DATE	TIME	MEETING VENUE
Olney Centre	22 May 2013	18:00 - 19:00	**Olney Centre, High Street, Olney MK46 4EF**
Wolverton Recreation Ground	23 May 2013	18:00 - 19:00	**Greenleys Community Centre, 1 Ardwell Lane, Greenleys MK12 6AU**
River Valley Meeting Place	24 May 2013	18:00 - 19:00	**River Valley Community Centre, 6 Whitehorse Drive, Emerson Valley MK4 2AS**
Chepstow Drive Community Centre	29 May 2013	18:00 - 19:00	**Chepstow Community Centre, 107 Chepstow Drive, Bletchley MK3 5NG**
Monkston Community Centre & Pavilion	30 May 2013	17:30 - 18:30	**Monkston Community Centre, St Bartholomews, Blanchland Circle, Monkston MK10 9EA**

In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please contact Paul Sanders or Neil Hanley on the details below:

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (A422/H3 MONKS WAY (PART), MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 13 March 2013 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of the A422/H3 Monks Way, Milton Keynes, between the V10 Brickhill Street and the A509 London Road, whilst re-lining works are carried out along four sections of the carriageway. It is anticipated that the temporary closures will be in effect from 18 March 2013 until 22 March 2013 between the hours of 9.00 am and 4.00 pm on each day. The following sections of carriageway along the A422/H3 Monks Way will be affected:-

Eastbound carriageway – between its junction with the V10 Brickhill Street and its junction with Willen Road. The alternative route will be via the V10 Brickhill Street, the H4 Dansteed Way and Willen Road.

Eastbound carriageway – between its junction with Willen Road and its junction with the A509 London Road. The alternative route will be via Willen Road, the V11 Tongwell Street, the H5 Portway and the A509 London Road.

Westbound carriageway – between its junction with the A509 London Road and its junction with Willen Road. The alternative route will be via the A509 London Road, the H5 Portway, the V11 Tongwell Street and Willen Road.

Westbound carriageway – between its junction with Willen Road and its junction with the V10 Brickhill Street. The alternative route will be via Willen Road, the H4 Dansteed Way and the V10 Brickhill Street.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order, other than for any necessary access for residents as far as is practicably possible, and for emergency services and military vehicles.

Each temporary road closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and these will be displayed in each affected part of road.

The Order comes into operation on 18 March 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 13 March 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (WOLVERTON ROAD (PARTS), MILTON KEYNES) (40 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2012) VARIATION ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The proposed order will affect all classes of vehicle.

The effect of the order when made would be to extend the existing 40 mph speed limit along that part Wolverton Road, Milton Keynes at Redhouse Park, to run from a point approximately 5 metres south-west of its junction with Giffard Park Roundabout and the V10 Brickhill Street for a distance of approximately 755 metres in a south-westerly direction, effectively increasing the length of the restriction by approximately 45 metres.

Copies of the proposed order, statement of reasons for proposing the order and a copy of the Order containing any part to be varied by the proposals, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, at Newport Pagnell Library, St John Street, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be made in writing and sent to the undersigned to be received no later than 3 April 2013 quoting reference BAS-P&E-007017-2115.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 13 March 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (TANFIELD LANE AND MILTON ROAD (PARTS), BROUGHTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 13th March 2013, made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit vehicular access along that part of Tanfield Lane, Broughton from a point approximately 100 metres south of its junction with Milton Road to a point approximately 100 metres north of its junction with Milton Road and along that part of Milton Road, Broughton from its junction with Tanfield Lane for a distance of approximately 100 metres in a southerly direction.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway, namely, works to remove the cobbled road surface and construct traffic calming measures consisting of speed humps.

The alternative route for traffic from Tanfield Lane, (northern end of the closure) will be via Ambergate, the A5130, the A4146/H6 Childs Way, V11 Tongwell Street, Oakworth Avenue and Tanfield Lane.

The alternative route for traffic from Tanfield Lane, (southern end of the closure) will be via Tanfield Lane southbound, Worrell Avenue in Milton Keynes Village to Dalton Gate, V11 Tongwell Street , A4146/H6 Childs Way, A5130, Ambergate and Tanfield Lane.

The alternative route for traffic from Milton Road, will be via Milton Road southbound to the V11 Tongwell Street down to Monkston Roundabout then north-west onto V11 Tongwell Street to Fox Milne Roundabout then south east onto V11 Tongwell Street, Oakworth Avenue and Tanfield Lane.

It is anticipated that the temporary road closure will come into effect from Monday 18th March 2013 until Sunday 31st March 2013, inclusive. The road may reopen sooner if the works are completed ahead of schedule.

Advance information signs will be placed at either end of the affected roads a few days before the works are due to take place.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency service vehicles and military service vehicles on operational duties.

The Order will come into operation on 18th March 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of this Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 13 March 2013
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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (REAR ACCESS ROADS (PARTS), BETWEEN OXFORD STREET AND BEDFORD STREET AND BETWEEN GREEN LANE AND VICTORIA STREET, WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 13th March 2013, made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit all access along parts of the following two sections of rear access roads in Wolverton:

1. that section of the rear access road running parallel to and to the rear of Oxford Street and Bedford Street, Wolverton from its junction with Green Lane to a point at the rear of number 45 Oxford Street.

The alternative route for pedestrians will be to proceed via the access road to the rear of Oxford Street, along the access road to the rear of Aylesbury Street then along the footways on Oxford Street and Green Lane, Wolverton and vice versa. There is no alternative route for vehicular traffic.

2. that section of the rear access road running parallel to and to the rear of Green Lane and Victoria Street, Wolverton, from its junction with Stacey Avenue to a point at the rear of number 93 Green Lane.

The alternative route for pedestrians will be to proceed via the access road to the rear of Green Lane, along the access road to the rear of Osborne Street then along the footways on Victoria Street and Stacey Avenue and vice versa. There is no alternative route available for vehicular traffic.

The Council is satisfied that both these temporary closures are necessary to enable works to be carried out, namely, works to re-lay the water pipe at the rear of number 45 Oxford Street and to repair a leaking water pipe at the rear of number 93 Green Lane, Wolverton. It is anticipated the temporary closures will be from Tuesday 19th March 2013 until Friday 22nd March 2013, inclusive. Each rear access road will only be closed for one to two days within this period and only when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any road closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order, except for emergency service vehicles.

The Order will come into operation on the 19th March 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 13 March 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
13/00245/FUL	Erection of 6 x dwellings with parking, garages, landscaping and associated works. Removal of existing outbuildings and erection of building to provide garaging and stores at Land Adjacent To Sandy Mount, Station Road, Woburn Sands
13/00248/TCA	Notification of intention to reduce by 4m in height 3 Leylandii trees (T1, T2, T3) and fell 2 Leylandii trees (T4, T5) at Brook House, Common Street, Ravenstone
13/00264/FUL	Single storey rear extension and roof extension at 10 The Green, Woughton On The Green
13/00271/FUL	Replace the approved door (12/00950/FUL) and the existing timber lean to structure with a set of new timber tri-fold doors. The existing opening is to be blocked up with stone at 6 Bridge Street, Olney
13/00273/FUL	Erection of detached garage to rear at Emerton News, 103 Church Street, Wolverton
13/00364/TCA	Notification of intention to remove 12 x Conifer trees and 1 x unknown tree type near house at 19 London Road, Stony Stratford
13/00366/TCA	Notification of intention to reduce crown of Cherry tree by 40%; remove 3 x trunks of Willow tree which overhang Cherry tree; reduce height of Yew hedge on left of path by 60cm at All Saints Church, Church Lane, Emberton
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
13/00104/LBC	Single storey rear extension and internal alterations to staircase and dining room (retrospective) at 22 Crofts End, Sherington
13/00221/LBC	Widen existing door to accommodate wheelchair access (part retrospective) at 1 Clare Stables, Vicarage Road, Stony Stratford
13/00401/FUL	Single storey rear extension and internal alterations to staircase and dining room (retrospective) at 22 Crofts End, Sherington
SECTION 67	**AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING**
13/00238/FUL	Erection of a dwelling (resubmission of 12/01521/FUL) at The Old Swan, 8 Main Road, Astwood

NICK FENWICK – ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PLANNING, ECONOMY AND DEVELOPMENT

ALTERATIONS TO PARKING, WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS WITHIN PARTS OF TOWER CRESCENT, NEATH HILL LOCAL CENTRE, MILTON KEYNES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make two orders, the titles of which are recited at the end of this Notice, under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effects in parts of Tower Crescent at Neath Hill Local Centre, Milton Keynes:-

The introduction of:-

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- An 'Ambulances Only' parking place.

Exemptions from the proposed orders include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the proposed orders together with maps showing the areas referred to, a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order and copies of any Orders that are to be varied or revoked by these proposals may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be made in writing and sent to the undersigned to be received no later than 3 April 2013 quoting reference BAS-P&E-007018-2116. Please state to which proposed order the objection relates.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 13 March 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

Order Titles

(1) The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes (The Council of The Borough of Milton Keynes) (various Roads, Neath Hill) (Prohibition of Waiting and Loading) Order 2012) Variation Order 2013

(2) The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes (Neath Hill Local Centre) (Specific and Loading Only Parking Places) Order 2013

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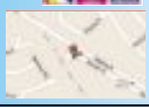

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DONS' SPOT KICK WOE

PATRICK Bamford was left puzzled after he didn't win a penalty for MK Dons at Sheffield United on Saturday.

The stadiummk outfit earned a hard fought 0-0 draw at League One's second-placed club but it could have been even better had a second-half spot kick appeal gone their way.

On-loan Chelsea striker Bamford embarked on a magnificent run which saw him twist around a number of United challenges before darting into the box.

He then appeared to be tugged back by Blades skipper Michael Doyle but no penalty was given and he was instead booked for diving.

"I was through on goal so wouldn't have gone down if I could have stayed up," Bamford tweeted. "You win some, you lose some I guess."

The forward was playing his first game since joining on-loan at Dons for a second time on transfer deadline day in January.

A hamstring injury had seen him remain at Stamford Bridge for treatment, with the Blues requesting that he played no more than 45 minutes at Sheffield United.

LINES TARGETS PLAY-OFFS

DONS midfielder Chris Lines is enjoying life at stadiummk – because of the positive mood in the camp.

The on-loan Sheffield Wednesday man put in arguably his best performance to date in Dons colours on Saturday when Karl Robinson's side visited the Owls' cross-city rivals Sheffield United.

A battling 0-0 draw against League One's second-place club built on Tuesday night's 3-0 win at home to leaders Doncaster Rovers, and Lines is refusing to give up on the play-offs.

"Since I have been here the mood has been great," Lines said. "It has been great for the last month.

"Obviously we've been a bit frustrated with some of the performances but we've had a bit of bad luck here and there."

Lines, who is on-loan until the end of the season, believes that he is kicking into gear after a slow start at Dons, which he attributes to a lack of playing time.

"I'd played three games in about nine months due to injury," he said. "But now I'm back in the groove and feeling good.

"Hopefully that's showing in my performances."

Manager Robinson is pleased with Lines' improvement.

"We play a certain way and it takes people time to get that right," he added.

ALLI'S ENGLAND CALL

DONS starlet Dele Alli has been called up by England U17 for the UEFA European Championship Elite Qualifying Round.

The midfielder is the only player from outside the top two divisions to be named in the 18 man squad.

England will take on Portugal, Slovenia and Russia during 10 days later this month with a place in May's finals in Slovakia up for grabs.

Alli played for the team in the Algarve Tournament last month.

LADIES' BIG AMBITION

MK DONS Ladies have revealed ambitious plans to become part of an expanded FA Women's Super League (WSL) in 2014.

The team currently compete in the South East Combination League but want to join the country's elite by becoming part of a new look WSL.

As part of the FA's five-year-plan to develop the women's game, the league – which at present features just eight teams – will be split into two leagues comprising of 20 sides with a promotion and relegation.

"We are very keen to be part of the successful WSL," Charlene Ward, Girls and Women's Officer for MK Dons SET, said.

Goal: Lowe opens the scoring

Shrews are gifted the points after mix-up

FROM BACK PAGE

a yellow card as Lewington collapsed to the deck in a heap.

Robinson introduced Stephen Gleeson for Mathias Doumbe in the first half but there were no further goals ahead of a huge second 45 minutes.

If the importance of the half had been drummed into his players by Robinson they certainly responded as a leveller was found in the 46th minute after their first attack.

Williams' free-kick drifted over everybody and Lowe popped up at the back post to head home.

The game was very much there for Dons to win now and Robinson's men began to play with renewed confidence.

With the home side now dominating possession and surging up field it looked like there would be only one winner, but disaster struck in the 68th minute with Kay's own goal.

The defender turned past McLoughlin after a dreadful mix up with his keeper to gift the Shrews the lead back.

There was no second comeback and a downcast Dons were left to reflect on more dropped points.

Dons:McLoughlin, Lewington, Doumbe (Gleeson 38), Williams, Potter, Bowditch, Chicksen, McLeod (Bamford 52), Lowe, Lines (Smith 81), Kay. Unused subs: Otsemobor, Flanagan, Baldock.

Shrewsbury: Weale, Jacobson, Summerfield, Jones, Richards, Morgan (Purdie 75), Taylor (Parry 86), McAllister, Mambo, Eaves (Porter 92), Gayle. Unused subs: Anyon, McGinn, Goldson, Rodgers. Att: 6,672.

FIXTURES

SAT	TRANMERE (H)
TUES	CREWE (A)
MAR 23	COLCHESTER (A)
MAR 29	HARTLEPOOL (A)
APRIL 1	BRENTFORD (H)
APRIL 6	CRAWLEY (H)
APRIL 9	SWINDON (H)

Hand shake: Ian McLoughlin and Antony Kay shake hands

MK Dons assistant boss MICK HARFORD writes exclusively for MK News every week

I WAS gutted to see another manager lose his job this week.

Brian McDermott has done a great job in getting Reading to the Premier League and spent something like £4million which is peanuts. It did come as a surprise but then nothing in football comes as a surprise anymore.

I hope they sacked him face to face. I remember when I was at Luton Town with Joe Kinnear and they sacked us by letter. We didn't see it coming and surely you should have the balls to do it face to face. Normally you get called in by the chief executive or the chairman and it's all done pretty quickly. That's the best way.

Chairmen just seem to get so impatient these days. They bow to the demands of fans too quickly and act with too much short-term thinking.

I found the timing of Brian's sacking bizarre. I was talking to someone at a reserve game between Millwall and Cardiff yesterday and we were saying usually managers get the sack before the transfer window as they want a new manager spending the money, but they allowed Brian to bring in a couple of players and then sacked him.

I would have loved some money to spend in the jobs I had as manager. I always seemed to get the job as manager or caretaker of a club in financial difficulty. But the jobs for clubs in trouble always go to the inexperienced managers. The experienced ones steer clear.

The manager's job is a massive responsibility and I love being the assistant. The manager has to work with the fans, the players, the board, the media, agents and it's a big job.

Karl handles it fantastically well for such a young manager and it's great working with him.

It's also a pleasure working with Stephen Gleeson. It's so good to have him back.

He's worked so hard in his rehab and has done everything asked of him to be ahead of schedule.

He is not 100 per cent yet but I believe he has given everyone a lift. He's such a pivotal player for us in terms of our shape and the way we play.

If he keeps progressing and learning then he will have a big future.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		Home						Away							
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Doncaster	37	8	4	6	23	19	12	4	3	30	17	17	68
2	Sheff United	36	7	8	3	27	17	10	6	2	23	12	21	65
3	Brentford	37	11	6	2	31	18	6	7	5	19	19	13	64
4	Swindon	37	8	7	4	36	13	9	5	4	25	16	32	63
5	Tranmere	38	9	5	5	28	18	9	4	6	27	21	16	63
6	Yeovil	37	11	3	5	33	19	8	3	7	26	26	14	63
7	Bournemouth	38	9	6	4	32	18	8	4	7	28	32	10	61
8	Walsall	38	9	5	5	30	25	7	6	6	26	26	5	59
9	Coventry	38	5	6	8	26	25	11	3	5	35	22	14	57
10	Leyton Orient	38	10	2	7	22	18	7	4	8	21	24	1	57
11	Notts County	38	7	5	7	25	21	6	10	3	26	18	12	54
12	Crawley	36	6	7	5	26	24	8	3	7	20	24	-2	52
13	MK Dons	36	9	4	5	28	20	4	8	6	20	20	8	51
14	Crewe	35	8	2	6	18	16	6	6	7	25	31	-4	50
15	Preston	36	5	7	6	24	21	6	6	6	22	23	2	46
16	Stevenage	37	5	5	9	21	30	8	2	8	19	21	-11	46
17	Carlisle	37	7	4	8	26	35	5	5	8	18	26	-17	45
18	Shrewsbury	38	6	7	6	22	22	4	6	9	21	28	-7	43
19	Colchester	38	7	3	9	23	27	4	4	11	16	32	-20	40
20	Scunthorpe	37	5	5	9	23	32	5	3	10	16	28	-21	38
21	Oldham	35	5	3	9	17	21	5	3	10	18	28	-14	36
22	Hartlepool	37	4	6	9	16	24	3	5	10	17	33	-24	32
23	Portsmouth	38	4	4	11	21	27	3	5	11	18	34	-22	30
24	Bury	36	3	5	9	14	25	3	7	9	19	31	-23	30

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ICE HOCKEY

Finn magic spurs MK

LIGHTNING'S Finnish forward Janne Jokila has been named 'The Magician' by his team mates after a string of magical performances on the ice.

The 30-year-old's latest dazzling display came on Saturday as the city side demolished the visiting Swindon Wildcats 10-2, their first double figures haul since a 12-1 success over Romford Raiders in October, 2009.

It was part of a four-point weekend for Lightning who continue to look ominously good ahead of the forthcoming play-offs.

Against Swindon, Jokila helped himself to his side's opening goal and then assisted in six others as the Wiltshire side were blown away at Planet Ice.

"The boys were awesome," assistant coach Lewis Clifford said.

"We got two points in the bag and there were some unbelievable moves from Janne 'The Magician' Jokila."

After Swindon had opened the scoring, Jokila levelled the match and then had a hand in the second which skipper Adam Carr buried to give Lightning the lead.

Nicky Chinn and Kammy Tvrdek then struck for Lightning, either side of another Swindon goal, before Grant McPherson added his name to the scoresheet to make it 5-2 to Lightning.

Jokila then remarkably contributed to the last five goals of the game, which included a quick-fire hat-trick for Blaz Emersic, a further goal for Carr and a strike by Leigh Jamieson.

"Janne 'The Magician' Jokila, what a man," Tvrdek said.

Lightning's performance was superb and was backed up on Sunday with a 3-1 away win at Peterborough Phantoms.

Goals from Adam Brittle, Jamieson and a late empty netter from Tvrdek sealed a win which leaves the city skaters fourth in the English Premier League with three matches to go. Third placed Manchester Phoenix are in striking distance with three matches of the regular season remaining, before the top eight contest the play-offs.

A double header against second placed Basingstoke Bison, who still have hopes of the overall league title, awaits this weekend.

ENGLISH PREM LEAGUE

	P	W	OW	OL	L	F	A	Pts
Guilford	50	34	2	2	12	216	140	74
Basingstoke	51	31	2	4	14	176	131	70
Manchester	50	27	4	3	16	204	163	65
Lightning	51	28	3	2	18	165	137	64
Slough Jets	50	21	5	2	22	181	175	54
Bracknell Bees	50	18	4	5	23	184	196	49
Peterborough	52	19	4	3	26	174	191	49
Swindon	50	20	1	7	22	189	195	49
Sheffield	50	16	4	0	30	143	199	40
Telford Tigers	50	8	1	2	39	119	224	20

Janne Jokila in action against Bracknell
Picture: Jez Tibbetts

FORMULA ONE

Red Bull ready to charge

Defending champion Sebastian Vettel is ready for Melbourne

RED Bull Racing's quest to continue their dominance of Formula One gets back under way this weekend with the start of the 2013 season in Australia.

The Tilbrook-based team and its army of workers have put Milton Keynes on the map over the last three years thanks to three drivers' titles in a row for Sebastian Vettel and a hat-trick of constructors' crowns as well.

With testing now at a close and the same line-up of drivers, Red Bull see no reason why they can't make it a quadruple double.

Vettel said the new RB9 car had not given him or team mate Mark Webber any headaches ahead of Sunday's traditional curtain raiser in Melbourne.

"The team did a great job with the car and both Mark and I felt comfortable right away," he said.

"We haven't come across any big problems and the smaller ones have been dealt with straight away.

"The RB9 has been so reliable that it's been a pleasure to drive.

"We learned a lot over the winter tests and we'll be bringing that new knowledge with us to Australia."

Last season proved to be an unpredictable campaign with Red Bull's habit of consistently picking up points proving to be pivotal.

Vettel won just one of the opening 13 races but he then won four in a row to pull away from his rivals.

This year he is predicting another tough season with challengers expected to come back fighting.

"Nico Rosberg had a great final day of testing in his Mercedes, which shows how dangerous he and Lewis Hamilton will be in the future," he said.

"But there are a lot of others to keep in mind as well."

The Albert Park circuit is inevitably a special one for Australian Webber, who will have huge backing from the home crowd.

"Looking at the first race, I think it's going to be a tight grand prix," he said.

"There are a lot of quick cars out there and hopefully we have one of them.

"However, Melbourne is a very particular race, with very specific demands, so we'll treat it as one race, then go to Malaysia and see how things shake up there.

"The season moves fast and you have to prepare for every race."

RUGBY UNION

MK back to winning ways after Drifters victory

MILTON Keynes bounced back from last weekend's heavy derby defeat to Buckingham by beating Drifters 24-7 at Emerson Valley on Saturday.

It was city's first home outing in the Southern Counties North for four matches and a victory was essential to ensure they stayed in contention with a congested promotion pack.

They made heavy work of sixth placed Drifters though, with the first points of the match not arriving for half-an-hour.

Dan Pearson scored a try in the left corner and then quickly added a second in a near identical spot, leaving City 10-0 up at half-time after Phil Powell missed both conversions.

Andrew Poole and Gavin Whitehead added two further tries in the second half, and this time Powell added the extras on both occasions to hand MK a 24-0 advantage.

Drifters added a consolation try on the break late on to ensure that they at least made it onto the scoreboard.

The result has left Milton Keynes fourth in the table, one point behind Buckingham who are third and four adrift of the top two of Reading Abbey and Grove, who have both played a game more.

City would have wanted a favour from near rivals Olney, who faced Buckingham on Saturday, but they were beaten 18-7 at home.

Olney, who slipped 13-0 behind, reduced the arrears when James Hannah broke through the Buckingham defence to score, with his try being converted by Richard Cowan.

They could not score again though and Buckingham added a further try to extend their lead.

Olney are fifth but are 11 points behind Milton Keynes.

In the South West 1 East Bletchley were beaten 28-12 by visiting Windsor.

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HOCKEY

THERE was defeat for MK Ladies' firsts who were beaten 2-1 at home by Witney.

The visitors opened up a two-goal lead and Gemma Meredith's close range strike for MK proved only to be a consolation.

Elsewhere, the seconds were beaten 1-0 by Marlow and the thirds claimed a 1-1 draw against Wychwood after Pip Thorne's goal drew the city side level.

The Mens' firsts went down 4-0 to Spencer and are now just two points above the drop zone in the South Hockey League Premier.

There was better news for the seconds who enjoyed a fine 6-3 win over league leaders Marlow, but the thirds lost 4-0 to Wallingford and the fourths were also beaten, 3-1 by Oxford Hawks. MK Samurai beat Reading 3-1 but the fifths lost 2-0 to Eastcote Eagles.

KARATE

FRANKIE Norton has been named as MK Inter Club Champion for his age group in the English Contact Karate Association (ECKA) The 15-year-old is a member of the Drayton Parslow Kick Box team.

SQUASH

MK Squash Club are hosting squash and racketball exhibition matches next month.

World number 56 Olly Pett will take on MK's number one Mahdi Ali at squash, and GB's racketball number one Tim Vail will then take on MK's top player Mike English.

It's £5 for adults and free for juniors on April 3, from 7pm. For more information e-mail dboyd99@hotmail.com.

ATHLETICS

TWENTY-ONE MK Athletic Club members competed for Buckinghamshire at the the Inter-Counties Cross Country Championships in Birmingham.

The most successful team was the U13 Boys who finished fourth, MK's Alfie Yabsley leading the team home in 10m 55s.

Meanwhile, David Loyd Redway Runners are setting up three Beginners Running Groups to encourage others to get involved.

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TOURING CARS

THE car that James Nash hopes will propel hjm to glory in the World Touring Cars Championship has been unveiled.

His team Bamboo Engineering have unveiled the new livery that will be applied to his Chevrolet Cruze ahead of his second season on the global stage.

MK racer Nash, 27, believes that he can compete for the title this year after switching from Team Aon.

The first race of the season takes place in Monza, Italy, on March 24.

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Dominant Lightning claim double figure victory over Swindon

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Promotion dream slipping away after Kay's nightmare moment

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A CALAMITOUS own goal by Antony Kay left Dons' promotion hopes hanging by a thread as they tumbled to a 3-2 home defeat against Shrewsbury last night.

The defender sent the ball past keeper Ian McLoughlin after a horrendous breakdown in communication when the score was 2-2.

It was a routine situation to deal with but Kay agonisingly tapped past the stopper to hand Shrews an unlikely victory.

Dons had found themselves 2-0 behind thanks to a Tom Eaves double but they showed great character to fight back and level thanks to two Ryan Lowe strikes.

They then looked well set to win the game but Kay's horror moment put paid to that in a match boss Karl Robinson knew was hugely important.

Eaves grabbed his first with a finely dispatched finish after he was able to shrug off Shaun Williams with far too much ease, and with Dons still in shock, he helped himself to a second.

This time he weaved into the penalty area and with no challenge forthcoming, he curled a beautiful finish which nestled into the far corner of the net past a well beaten Ian McLoughlin.

Dons, knowing that the remainder of the game would have a huge bearing on their hopes this season, pushed forward in search of a route back and they didn't have to wait long to find hope.

Dean Bowditch swung in a corner and Lowe was on hand to bundle into the net from point blank range.

It was an extremely scrappy goal but Dons did not care as the atmosphere around stadiummk was lifted.

Robinson, however, was then left seething after a flahspoint between Eaves and his captain Dean Lewington.

The double scorer appeared to strike the skipper in the face but he escaped with only

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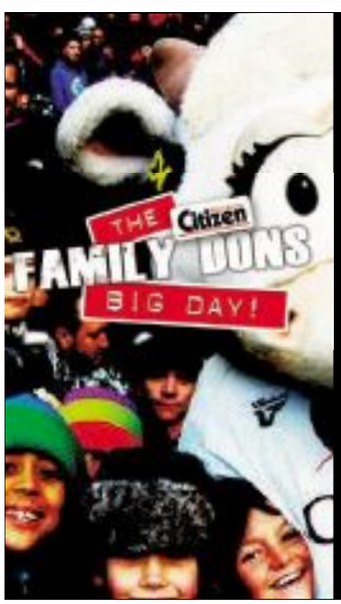
Equaliser: Ryan Lowe heads Dons level last night but his strike was to no avail thanks to Kay's own goal. Picture: Andy Handley



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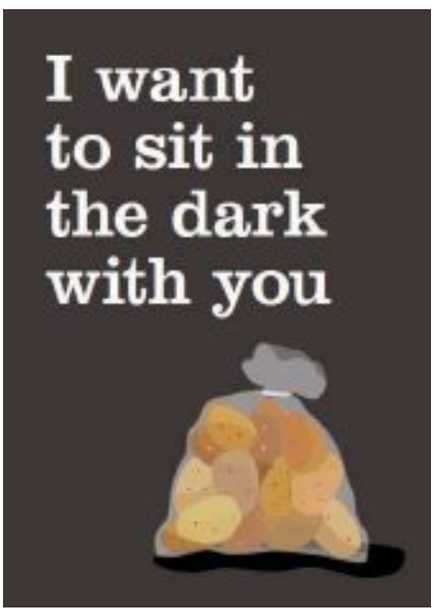
Not surprisingly, the research found that after price, freshness and how long food lasts are the most important factors for us when we go shopping. We all want to make sure our food is at its best for longer so that we don’t have to throw it, and our money, in the bin.

In fact there’s a great opportunity for us all to save money every week. Even though the majority of us, 61% in fact, mistakenly think fruit and vegetables will sweat and go off quicker in the packaging, evidence shows that if we keep our food in its packaging and store it according to the label, we would have more time to eat it, reducing the 4.4 million tonnes of good food and drink wasted each year.



To help us waste less and save more, Love Food Hate Waste has launched ‘Fresher for Longer’ showing how packaging can not only protect our food from damage on its way to the shops, but keep it fresher for longer in our homes.

To save money, the best solution is to buy food we want to store for longer than a day or two, with the appropriate packaging - for example even fruit and vegetables bought loose can last longer if stored properly in a bag that is lightly tied in the fridge. Packaging innovation means many manufactures and supermarkets now use breathable fruit and veg bags, have more re-closable packs and many more clever features, all designed to make food last longer and save us money.

Don’t forget, if you do have to throw food away, please make sure it goes in your silver kitchen caddy or green food and waste bin so it can be composted.

Food discarded in your black sack will attract wildlife when you put it out, leading to littering in your neighbourhood. Also food sent to landfill biodegrades to form methane - a powerful greenhouse gas.

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Love Food Hate Waste’s Emma Marsh said: “Saving money is always at the top of people’s wish list and wasting less food achieves this. By taking advantage of new packaging innovations and discovering the best way to store food at **www.lovefoodhatewaste.com** we can reduce the amount we throw away which will have huge environmental benefits as well as saving us money.”

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Changes to your refuse collections over Easter & the Spring Bank Holidays

Recycling and refuse collections will take place as normal up to and including Thursday, March 28th.
For the following week, the service will be affected as detailed below – please make a note of your date change and put your refuse and recycling out on your property boundary by 7am on your revised collection day.

EASTER WEEK

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Friday 29th March	Saturday 30th March
Monday 1st April	Tuesday 2nd April
Tuesday 2nd April	Wednesday 3rd April
Wednesday 3rd April	Thursday 4th April
Thursday 4th April	Friday 5th April
Friday 5th April	Saturday 6th April

Normal collections resume on Monday, 8th April

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Monday 6th May	Tuesday 7th May
Tuesday 7th May	Wednesday 8th May
Wednesday 8th May	Thursday 9th May
Thursday 9th May	Friday 10th May
Friday 10th May	Saturday 11th May

Normal collections resume on Monday, 13th May

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Monday 27th May	Tuesday 28th May
Tuesday 28th May	Wednesday 29th May
Wednesday 29th May	Thursday 30th May
Thursday 30th May	Friday 31st May
Friday 31st May	Saturday 1st June

Normal collections resume on Monday, 3rd June

COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRES - LONGER OPENING HOURS

From Monday 1st April our three Community Recycling Centres will revert to summer opening hours and will be open every day from 8am - 8pm. These are located at:

- **Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall**
- **North Crawley Road, Newport Pagnell**
- **Newport Road, New Bradwell**

We'd like to remind residents that when visiting the CRCs during the warmer months, please wear suitable clothing and footwear for your safety. Bear arms and legs are best avoided and please do not wear flip-flops.

Find out what happens to your recycling

Milton Keynes residents are invited to join a free public tour of the council's state-of-the-art Materials Recycling Facility (MRF), which take place once a month, to see what happens to all the recycling in the pink sacks and blue boxes.

Where: Milton Keynes Materials Recycling Facility (MRF)
Colts Holm Road
Old Wolverton
MK12 5QD

When: First Wednesday of every month
6pm - 7pm

How: Please reserve your place -

T: 01908 252312
E: wasteeducation@milton-keynes.gov.uk
W: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling-tours

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